

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING

FILE NUMBER: 7-576

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 18, 1936.

Time - 3:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

SAC Richmond telephoned me from the Trenton Office and said that Detective Brower of the Atlantic City Police Department told Agent Erwin that he had confidential information from Detective Ryan of the Philadelphia Police Department to the effect CAMPBELL is frequenting the Terminal Hotel in Atlantic City although he does not reside there. With this information at hand, Mr. Richmond said he telephoned the Philadelphia Office, and they state this Ryan is Captain Jimmy Ryan of the Philadelphia Police Department, a good contact of the Philadelphia Office. Subsequently, Special Agent J. L. Fallon of the Philadelphia Office telephoned Mr. Richmond and said he had talked to Captain Ryan about this situation, who stated that the information was furnished by him and that the information is accurate, but the situation was true about four months ago. Captain Ryan suggested to Mr. Fallon that since he was getting other information about Campbell and Karpis, any activity be held in abeyance for the time being. Mr. Fallon said he had some information on which he was working in connection with this case in Upper Darby, but he was of the opinion this angle was more or less killed by the Hot Springs affair. However, further investigation is being made in Upper Darby just as though nothing had occurred in Arkansas.

Concerning the Terminal Hotel angle, I told Mr. Richmond that if we can make a discreet check at this hotel without double-crossing the police or ruining any setup they might have, it should be done. With reference to the Terminal Hotel, Mr. Richmond said this is a very disreputable place, and for an Agent to go in there, he would have to be undercover, with old clothes and baggage and his features would have to be not refined. However, Mr. Richmond stated he believed he could arrange the situation and will send an Agent in there for a couple or three days, according to the developments.

Mr. Fallon further advised that one Hoffman, who got out of jail about two years ago after serving a sentence for dope, is the contact man, and knows everything about this matter. Hoffman is now in Atlantic City, and while it is not believed he will tell us anything on direct contact, the situation will be checked in so far as it is susceptible to check and take whatever action is necessary.

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The substance of the above information will be furnished by teletype to Mr. Connelley with the advice that the same has been given to the Bureau.

APR 27 1936

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM. TOLSON

APR 22 1936

TAMM TWO ONE

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Drawer V, Plaza Station,
Saint Louis, Missouri,
April 25, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

B R E K I D

Dear Sir:

This office is in need of an additional supply of reward circulars issued for Subjects Karpis and Campbell in connection with the above entitled case. Fifteen hundred copies of each circular are required.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
JAY C. NEWMAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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April 24, 1936.

Time-3:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Alvin Karpis.

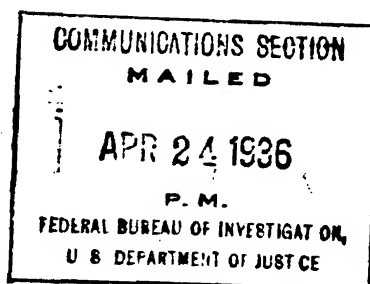
During a telephonic conversation with Colonel Gates, he stated that he had received a call from the press inquiring if Karpis was ever accused of killing Sheriff Kelly in West Plains, Missouri, or if he ever killed a Chicago policeman. I stated that I had no comment to make.

Very truly yours,

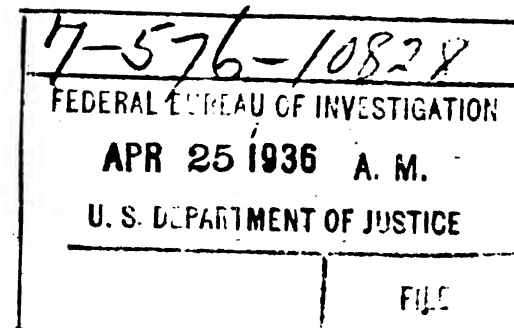
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Foxworth	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Joseph	_____
Mr. Keith	_____
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Mr. Schilder	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Miss Gandy	_____



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-25**

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 4/24/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/4, 20/36	REPORT MADE BY J. WALDMAN AL
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1235; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232 - ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Identity of <u>John Koffman</u>, Midland - <u>Phil Koffman</u>, Bay City - and <u>Jake Koffman</u>, Tower, Michigan, established. Phil Koffman made tentative identification of William Elmer Leade as having been seen by him at Carter's gambling place, Miami Beach, Florida, late in February 1936.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-P-</p>			
<p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Florida, 3/19/36.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent W. H. Hoffman, Detroit, Michigan, 4/16/36.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">An examination of the 1936 city directory of Bay City, Michigan, indicated that 1009 Columbia Avenue is listed under the name of <u>Ida Koffman</u>. The directory also lists John Koffman as residing there.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">At this address Mrs. Ida Koffman was interviewed. She is a very elderly woman and speaks poor English. Mrs. Koffman advised that she has several sons who are in business in this section of the State and that they frequently vacation in Florida. Two of her sons, namely, <u>Jake (Julian) Koffman</u> and <u>Phil Koffman</u>, have recently</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>H. H. Lincoln</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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been in Florida but are back in Michigan now, according to her. From Mrs. Koffman's statements, there is no question but that Jake Koffman is the party referred to in reference report of Agent Fitzsimons as having lived at 1724 Johnson Street, Hollywood, Florida. Mrs. Koffman further advised that Jake has a fur farm in Tower, Michigan, and that Phil runs a women's clothing store in Bay City near the Wenonah Hotel. She advised that she has a son living in Midland, Michigan, by the name of John, and it would appear that this individual is probably the party who addressed letters to the Koffmans while in Florida from that place. Mrs. Koffman stated that John Koffman also runs a clothing store in Midland, Michigan. A photograph of William Elmer Meade, contained on Identification Order #1354, was exhibited to Mrs. Koffman but she stated it was totally unfamiliar to her. Mrs. Koffman was apparently unaware of any illegitimate activities in which her sons may be engaged, and she appeared to be a respectable woman who would not conceal any information.

Phil Koffman was interviewed at The Sally Shop, which is directly opposite the Wenonah Hotel in Bay City. The Sally Shop is a high class women's apparel shop and is situated in a respectable business neighborhood. Phil Koffman stated that he was in Hollywood, Florida with his brother, Jake, about six weeks ago for a short time and had then mingled to some extent with the gambling element of that city. A photograph of William Elmer Meade was exhibited to him and at first he could make no identification. However, upon closer examination of the photograph and the description appearing on Identification Order #1354, he stated that he felt fairly certain that he had seen this individual in a gambling place known as Carter's, which is situated near the Roney-Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, about six or seven weeks ago. He stated that at the time he had seen the individual whom he now believes to be Meade, he remarked to his wife that this individual looked familiar to him and that he had seen him somewhere before. Phil Koffman, however, denied knowing anything of Meade or having heard of him before. According to Koffman, if anyone would know Meade, his brother, Jake Koffman, would. He stated that Jake is the owner of a fur farm in Tower, Michigan, and that he frequently goes to Florida where he associates indiscriminately with gamblers and confidence men, although Jake, himself, is not engaged in any racket. Koffman advised that he believes if his brother, Jake, has seen Meade in Florida, he would not hesitate to so advise an Agent of this Bureau.

With respect to John Koffman who resides in Flint, Michigan, Phil Koffman stated that John is his brother and that he owns a clothing store at Midland, Michigan, from which he has not been absent for many years. Phil Koffman stated that he felt quite sure John Koffman would know nothing about Meade.

It is apparent that Jake Koffman is the individual mentioned on page 4 of reference report of Agent Fitzsimons as residing at

1724 Johnson Street, Hollywood, Florida, and that the various letters mentioned in that report as having been addressed to Jake Koffman from other individuals by the name of Koffman came from his relatives.

No revelation was given Phil Koffman as to how his name or the name of his brother was actually obtained but he was merely informed that the Bureau was questioning all people known to have been around Hollywood, Florida, at the same time Meade may have been there. Several copies of Identification Order #1354 were left with Phil Koffman and he advised that should any information whatever come to his attention which might be helpful in this investigation, he would immediately notify the Detroit Bureau Office.

No further investigation was conducted as to John Koffman of Midland, Michigan, inasmuch as it appears he addressed letters to Jake Koffman merely as a relative while the latter was in Florida and would probably have no information of value in this case. It will be noted in reference report of Agent Hoffman that Jake Koffman has been located and interviewed.

No lead is being set out to conduct investigation at Carter's, Miami Beach, Florida, the advisability of such a step being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

-PENDING-

227 Broad Street National Bank Building
Trenton New Jersey

April 25, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, 4-11-36 in which it is requested that the following forms be returned to the Jacksonville Office immediately:

1. Positive photostatic copy of a photostat of a certificate of title applications
2. Photostatic copy of a combination application for duplicate and transfer of title; and
3. Photostatic copy of a certificate of passenger car registration for 1934, issued by the State of Ohio.

It was inadvertently omitted in the report of Special Agent N. P. Willis, Trenton, 4-24-36 to note that the above forms were being returned to the Jacksonville Office with copies of that report. However, the Jacksonville copies of the above report indicate that enclosures were sent to that Office. The enclosures sent to the Jacksonville Office are the above enumerated forms.

Very truly yours,

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E. L. Richmond, Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau
Cincinnati

Edward F. Brennan

KRM:AF

April 21, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Hanap.

Charles J. Fitzgerald was apprehended by Agents of the Los Angeles office on April 9, 1936. He has made very few admissions—making no admission of guilt in the Hama case and advising only that he knew Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker, Kate Barker, Jack and Violet Peifer and Bryan Bolton. He has denied knowing Tom Brown personally and knows him by reputation only. He further denied knowing Goetz, Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell. He admitted knowing Gladys Sawyer for years and advised that through her, in the summer of 1934, at the 426 and Broadway Bar, operated by Joe Roscoe in Toledo, Ohio, he met Dolores Delaney, Edna Murray and possibly Paula Harmon. He has admitted making one or more trips by airplane to St. Paul, Minnesota, but refuses to mention anything which would in any way implicate him in the Hama kidnaping. He has further admitted making a trip to Reno, Nevada, but denied that he went with Fred Barker or went for the purpose of exchanging any ransom money.

Fitzgerald signed a waiver of removal and was transported by Agents of the Los Angeles office to St. Paul, Minnesota, arriving there on the morning of April 20, 1936.

On Friday, April 17, 1936, William A. Hama, Jr., was taken to Bensenville, Illinois, where he viewed and positively identified the home of Edmund C. Bartholmey as the house in which he was held a kidnap victim. Simultaneously with this identification, Bartholmey and his wife were taken into custody. Bartholmey has made an oral confession, at which time he signed a waiver of removal. He has implicated and identified Karpis, Arthur Barker, Fred Goetz, Bryan Bolton and Elmer Farmer. He has denied knowing Fitzgerald or Peifer. He has admitted having known Fred Barker, stating that Fred was around Elmer Farmer's place but was not in on the kidnaping. Bartholmey was removed by Agents from Chicago to St. Paul, arriving in St. Paul on April 18, 1936.

The St. Paul office has located a Japanese servant, Henry Maihori, used by Karpis during the early summer of 1933. This man has identified "Doc" Barker, Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker and Jack Peifer as being visitors at the cottage used by the gang on White Bear Lake near St. Paul, which cottage is called "Idlewild".

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When Bartholmey arrived in St. Paul he appeared before Judge Joyce on April 18, 1936, at which time he waived hearing and was remanded to the Ramsey County Jail. A special session of the court was held on April 24, 1936.

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called at St. Paul, Minnesota and will sit this morning, April 21, 1936.

Belle Born, the paramour of Charles J. Fitzgerald, has been taken into custody as a material witness but has assumed a belligerent attitude, and states she will have the same attitude if she appears before the grand jury. Peifer has made no material admissions.

Sas Tanaka, Japanese servant of Jack Peifer at the Hollyhock Inn, who is undoubtedly well acquainted with members of the Karpis-Barker gang frequenting that place during 1933, has been committed to the Ramsey County Jail as a material witness.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

769 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

April 25
1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The Kentucky Derby is to be run on Saturday, May 2, 1936, here at Louisville, and I was wondering if the Bureau approved of the idea of furnishing the local Police Department with photographs of FRED HUNTER, SAM COKER, CONNIE HANE, GRACE GOLDSTEIN, WILLIAM ELMER LEADE, MILTON LETT, and others of the Karpis gang, who might very likely come to Louisville, on this occasion.

I have arranged for a number of Agents to cover the Derby and other gathering places during this occasion, but due to the huge crowd that is expected, and the fact that the Police Department at Louisville will likewise be covering the Derby, I believe a better opportunity might be had in locating these men, if the local Police Department was supplied with their photographs.

If the Bureau approves of this suggestion, will you please forward to me about twenty copies of each photograph?

Very truly yours,

O. C. Dewey

O. C. DEWEY
Special Agent in Charge.

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No need for answer now.
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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

April 25, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREYER

It has been noted that various of the field Offices designate copies of reports and communications for the Chicago Office, and likewise address additional copies for Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.

A prior Bureau Bulletin has instructed that two copies of all reports and a copy of each communication in connection with the above mentioned case should be designated for the Chicago Office. If copies of reports and communications are forwarded to the Chicago Bureau Office, it is unnecessary that additional copies of reports and communications be addressed to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, and it is therefore suggested that copies be designated for the Chicago Bureau Office only, where they will receive the attention of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Each Field Office

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Edward J. Connelley

501 Healey Building,
Atlanta, Georgia,
April 24, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Re: Prekid

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you furnish this office with reports
of Special Agents Louis De Nette and E. F. Stall, dated at Nashville,
Tennessee, April 4 and April 30, 1935.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Bureau ✓

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Edward F. Bremer

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
April 23, 1936.

AIR MAIL

GTJ/ML

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Referring to letter of SAC Brantley to the Bureau dated April 20, 1936, page nine.

Will you please immediately contact Post Office Inspector George Hill and ascertain from him what information he may have of any contacts of individuals in this case at McAllen, Texas.

We desire this information as soon as possible as we desire to make a check in that section of the country.

Very truly yours,

cc Bureau ✓
Cincinnati
E.J. Connelley, Chicago-1
Cleveland
Dallas
Little Rock

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

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April 25, 1936

E J CONNELLEY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1448 STANDARD BUILDING
CLEVELAND OHIO

PHONE BREKID RE YOUR TELETYPE YESTERDAY AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB HIS RECORDS
OF JAMES OREILLEY PURCHASING DOGS DURING PAST YEAR BUT NO RECORD OF HIM
HAVING SOLD ANY DOGS DURING PAST YEAR

WHITLEY

cc-Bureau
Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Paul

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Edward J. O'Sullivan

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
April 24, 1936.

AIR MAIL

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Replying to Bureau communication of April 21,
1936, (7-576) there are enclosed two photographs of
Ruth Hamm, alias Connie Hamm, alias Connie Morris.

A description of Ruth Hamm is set forth on
each of these photographs.

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Encl. attached by BU
Mr. Rosen
H. G.*

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to
San Antonio Tex April 23 1936

D Brantley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
US Dept of Justice
224 Federal Bldg
Oklahoma City Okla

Enkid retel Paul Hayes not identical any subjects residing with W L Liles on farm near Chapman Ranch Postoffice has sister Mahel Hayes Handlett Okla Hayes recently complained to postmaster Chapman Ranch re lost letter addressed his sister containing money stop Postmaster Handlett probably furnish more details relative identity and possible connections these individuals Suggest this be checked

On FBI O B Govt rate
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cc Bureau
cc Cincinnati
cc E. J. Connelley
cc Cleveland

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Edward D. Brantley

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
APRIL 24, 1936

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

SAC NEW YORK CITY
PHONE. RECID. IF POSSIBLE CONFIDENTIALLY ASCERTAIN WHAT SCOTTISH
TERRIER DOGS HAVE BEEN SOLD BY JAMES O'REILLEY, SHERIFF TOLEDO OHIO
DURING PAST YEAR. THE THOUGHT IS POSSIBLY THAT THIS CAN BE OBTAINED
FROM PEDIGREE RECORDS AS NOW FILED WITH AMESSED BY AMERICAN KENNEL
CLUB TWO TWO ONE FOURTH AVENUE NEW YORK CITY. IF RECORD SO KEPT GET
NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL PURCHASERS SUCH DOGS AND ADVISE ME AT
CLEVELAND OFFICE.

CONNELLY

CC - CINCINNATI, ST PAUL, BUREAU

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

Edward J. Pomeroy

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

April 24, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BLYND

This will confirm telephonic communication had by the writer with Special Agent J. W. Coulter of your office on April 22, 1936, at which time the writer indicated that instructions should be immediately issued to Special Agent J. M. Jones to proceed to Toledo, Ohio, bringing with him a dial recorder, and on his arrival at Toledo he would be contacted by Special Agent E. J. Ryan at the Hillcrest Hotel.

Special Agent Jones is to install an observation on the telephone of certain suspected contacts of the fugitives at Toledo, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

JPM/ JB
CC - Bureau
- Cincinnati
- E. J. Connelley
- St. Paul

J. P. McFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
April 24, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted to the Bureau and to the
offices listed below are copies of a letter written
to Dolores Delaney, an inmate of the United States
Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, by her sister,
Helen (Babe) Rielly, 6045 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago,
Illinois.

The original letter is being returned
to Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the Detention
Farm, to be forwarded as addressed.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke
H. H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

HHR:AM
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2 Enclosures

cc-St. Paul (Enclosure)
cc-Chicago "
cc-Cleveland "
cc-Cincinnati "

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Return Address:
H. Rielly
6045 Kimbark Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

April 21st.

Dear Dolores:-

Well it looks like I am getting behind in my letters again. But honest my intentions to write are good. I had wrote a letter a couple days ago but was waiting till I got a picture to put in, so now I've got the picture, so I am writing a different one.

What do you think of the monkey face, and do you think I have changed, if so, what is it, for the better or worst. I tried to color it and made kind of a flop out of it. Also enclosed is a dollar. I know it isn't much but will try and send more soon. Bud said that he thought he might be able to send you something next week.

We had a letter from Ma and she said she was writing you, have you heard from her.

Bud and I were over to see the baby Easter Sunday, we brought him a large chocolate egg and a chocolate rabbit. Roy with with us. You should of seen all the things he got, a big Easter basket, large cloth bunny and lot more things I can't remember.

He is getting so big and cuter every day, and you should see how the little monkey can walk. I suppose you have heard about the day he has. One thing Dolores is that you can be thankful that he has such wonderful grand parents. They are wonderfull to him. I am supposed to go over this week.

Did I tell you before that I was going to St. Paul the first of this next week. I am so anxious to see that little Arab of mine. He wrote and told me that he got a new suit with a Clark Cable back, and does he think that is pretty swell. I will have him write you then for sure. I will write you as soon as I get there.

My romance, "thats what I call Roy", went over to see Mugs and I told her that you asked about her, and she said that she would write. She hadn't forgotten about you, but you know how she is when it comes to writing. You asked if I remember the time you and her had the headaches, oh boy do I. We did have a lot of good times then didnt we. But don't you never mind, we'll have just a good again. And we'll going riding round and round. So keep that Irish chin of yours up.

And so Delirious I'll call it quits now, will write again soon, so bye for now. With oodles and oodles of love,

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Your big sister,

11 MAR 24 1965

Babe.

Say hello to Winnona for me.

7-576-10842

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

April 24th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

I am forwarding to you herewith twelve copies of
the photograph of Harry Campbell. This is in accord-
ance with your request of April 22nd, 1936.

Very truly yours,

LJM
enc.

D. M. LAID
Special Agent in Charge

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
April 23, 1936.

WAR:J
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Judge E.P. Carville,
United States Attorney,
Reno, Nevada.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I desire to thank you for your letter of the
16th instant, advising me of the proceedings in the case
concerning Frank Foster. As soon as an agent is available
I will send him to Reno as suggested by you.

With kind personal regards and best wishes for
your health and happiness, I am,

Very truly yours,

W.A. MOHR,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1583

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This Agent, in company with the late Inspector S. P. Cowley, the late Special Agent H. E. Hollis and Special Agent C. O. Hurried, arrived in Miami, Florida, at 3:10 A.M., November 18, 1934, by chartered plane from Chicago, Illinois, and proceeded to the Columbus Hotel where the writer registered with Agent Hurt. On November 18, 1934, throughout the day and night a surveillance was maintained of the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Florida, and of the Ford Coupe, bearing Florida license 202-978, formerly the property of Subject Alvin Karpis, but then being driven by Duke Randall and Gregory I. Codomo.

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On November 19, 1934, upon instructions of Inspector Cowley, this Agent and Agent Hurt checked in at the El Comodoro Hotel for the purpose of maintaining a surveillance of guests and activities in the Hotel. Agents were assigned to a room on the eleventh floor, the exact number of which is not recalled. To the best of the writer's recollection, Agents registered in the El Comodoro Hotel between the hours of 9 P.M. and midnight on November 19, 1934.

The following day contact was established with Mr. L. E. Gray, hotel clerk, and he was interviewed relative to his knowledge of Duke Randall and Codomo. At this time it was not deemed advisable to disclose the reason for this interview to Mr. Gray, consequently he was not questioned concerning, or exhibited photographs of, any of the other members of the Barker Karpis gang. To the best of Agent's recollection, he and Agent Hurt remained in the El Commodore Hotel until the morning of November 23, 1934, then moving to the La Salle Hotel, 844 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, in order to better observe the activities of other contacts of the Barker Karpis gang located in that vicinity. This Agent remained in Miami, Florida,

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contacting informants and maintaining a surveillance of Duke Randall's activities until instructed to proceed by plane to San Francisco, California, with Special Agent C. O. Hurt on December 5, 1934. Investigative activities of Agents Campbell and Hurt during this period will be found set out in the reports of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Birmingham, Alabama, 11-23-34, and Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, 12-17-34 and 1-8-35. It is noted that on Page 33 of the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated 1-8-35, the date of departure of Agents Hurt and Campbell from Miami, Florida, is given as December 28, 1934. This date is erroneous inasmuch as on December 28, 1934, both Agents mentioned were among those who had taken John Paul Chase into custody the previous day at Mount Shasta, California, and were proceeding to San Francisco, California, by plane on the 28th of December, 1934.

Agent returned to Florida on January 12, 1935, in company with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and Special Agents R. D. Brown and R. L. Jones, arriving by plane in Jacksonville, Florida, and later proceeding to Ocala and Oklawaha, Florida, where on January 16, 1935, Kate and Fred Barker were killed while resisting attempts to take them into custody by Agents of the Bureau. On the afternoon of January 16, 1935, upon completion of the raid on the Barker stronghold, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley instructed this Agent and Agents R. D. Brown, S. K. McKee and R. L. Jones to proceed from Oklawaha, Florida, to Miami, Florida, by plane in order to conduct investigation as to the whereabouts at that time of Subjects Karpis and Campbell. The writer and Agents above mentioned arrived at Miami, Florida, at about 4 P.M. on January 16, 1935, Agent S. K. McKee and the writer immediately proceeding to the El Commodore Hotel in Miami in order that contact, relative to the possible location of Subjects Karpis and Campbell in the El Commodore Hotel or vicinity, could be had with the hotel clerk, Mr. L. E. Gray, who had been previously interviewed in this case. Agents McKee and Campbell checked in at the El Commodore Hotel that evening at approximately 6 o'clock P.M., and after contacting Mr. Gray proceeded to the Alcazar Hotel in Miami, reporting developments to Special Agent R. D. Brown, who, after a subsequent interview had with Mr. Gray in company with Agents Campbell and McKee, at which time Mr. Gray identified various photographs of members of the Barker Karpis gang as being guests of his hotel, ascertained that Mr. Gray was an old acquaintance of his (Agent R. D. Brown). In view of the fact it was believed that on account of this acquaintance Mr. Gray would more readily co-operate with Special Agent Brown, all subsequent contacts and interviews with Mr. Gray were made by Agent Brown using the room of Agents McKee and Campbell for this purpose.

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The writer and Agent McKee remained at the El Comodoro Hotel until the following Sunday, January 20, 1935, when, in company with Special Agent R. D. Brown, Agents left at 8 A.M. via Pan-American Airways for Havana, Cuba, where, to the best of Agent's recollection, he remained five days, being registered at the Plaza Hotel, Havana, Cuba, with Agents Brown and McKee. During this period the writer conducted a check of steamship company records, maintained a surveillance of various clubs and gambling houses and the Parkview Hotel operated by Nathaniel Heller. Investigation was also conducted at the National City Bank of New York, Havana, Cuba, Branch, regarding the safety deposit box rented by Subject Karpis in the name of E. N. Wagner. Until such time as the key to this box arrived in Havana in order that Agents might gain access to its contents, the writer and Special Agent McKee maintained surveillance and contact with bank officials.

In regard to the criticism of Agents' activities while in Havana, relative to the arrest and treatment of Nathaniel Heller, as stated in Mr. Bart A. Riley's letter, this Agent has never seen Heller to know him, and departed from Havana, Cuba, on or about January 25, 1935, before Heller was taken into custody by the Cuban Police. The investigative activities of the writer while in Cuba will be found in report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Jacksonville, Florida, 2-25-35.

It will also be noted that on January 21, 1935, Duke Randall was taken into custody at Miami, Florida, which was the day after the writer and other Agents mentioned had departed for Havana, Cuba. In regard to the treatment accorded Randall while being held in the Alcazar Hotel, it will be noted that previous to this Agent's return to Miami from Havana, Subject Randall was taken into custody by the United States Marshal at Miami and placed in the Dade County jail in default of \$25000.00 bond.

After Agent's return to Miami, Florida, from Havana, Cuba, investigation was conducted at the various hotels and garages to locate Cassius McDonald. Investigation was also conducted by the writer at the Silver Slipper Club and other places in an effort to obtain identification and information concerning Harry Sawyer, Willie Harris and other gang members. During this period Agent made his residence at the Alcazar Hotel and Cortez Hotel, both in Miami, Florida.

It should be further stated that this Agent, while not being actively engaged in questioning Subject Joe Adams at the time he furnished valuable information and signed a statement, set out in report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, 2-20-35, was, however, present in the same hotel room on various occasions during this interview,

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consulting Special Agent in Charge Hanson about other matters connected with the investigation of this case. On these occasions Agent called at the hotel room where Adams was being interviewed, believing it to be in the Ponce De Leon Hotel, Miami, and later conversed with Adams when he came to the room of this Agent and former Special Agent R. L. Jones at the Cortez Hotel. On none of these occasions did the writer witness any mistreatment, persuasion, force or coercion on the part of those present (SAC J. H. Hanson and former Special Agent R. L. Jones) in interviewing Joe Adams. Adams during the interview, while the writer was present, appeared to be willing and very anxious to make a clean breast of the situation and was talking freely and voluntarily concerning his connections with the Barker Karpis gang. This Agent can testify that no mistreatment of any nature was accorded Joe Adams; that Adams was freely and voluntarily discussing his association and activities with members of this gang when Agent was present at various times during the interview with him, and appeared to be exerting himself to aid the Government in any manner possible at that time.

Very truly yours,

D. H. Dickason *esq*

D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC E. J. Connelley, Chicago.
St. Paul
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May 4, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Butte, Montana.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of April 2, 1936, requesting Special Agent C. C. Campbell of your office to submit immediately a memorandum covering his activities in connection with the Bremer investigation at Miami, Florida, which matter related particularly to the statements obtained from Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randall.

I observe that the Bureau is in receipt of a letter submitting the requested information, which letter is dated April 23, 1936, at Butte, Montana. It does not appear to me that proper attention was given to the request of the Bureau. It is noted particularly that you permitted a three weeks' period to lapse before you took occasion to respond to the Bureau's request.

I want you to be thoroughly advised that when the Bureau requests expeditious attention to be given to a particular matter, no unnecessary delay will be countenanced. It would appear that far more expeditious attention could have been given to this matter had it been treated in its proper light.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

April 24, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: E. KID

There is quoted herein a letter received by Special Agent E. J. Dowd, which letter is dated March 31, 1936, and is from an informant of the Dallas office. The letter reads as follows:

John H. White
Registered Pension Attorney
P. O. Box 325
Borger, Texas

March 31, 1936.

Hon. E. J. Dowd,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Dowd -

Here is a little data that may be worth while:

Jim Thomas who lived here in Borger in the early days of this town, later in Amarillo, was as I heard a friend of Harry Campbell. Thomas was sentenced to some years in a Nebraska penitentiary for bank robbery - a year or more back. Maybe longer. Thomas friends included the Barkers and Karpis and was also informed that when Thomas was at Signal Hill, near Stinnett, 15 miles n. w. of here Campbell was about him quite a lot. Thomas was strong for women and heard he kept in touch with several after his arrest and conviction. Some likely leads may be had thru checking him.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) John H. White

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This letter, together with the envelope in which it was received are being forwarded to the Dallas office.

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The Dallas office is respectfully requested to thoroughly develop the information in this letter, as it would appear that Jim Thomas might be a contact of Karpis and Campbell.

It is possible that the Omaha office will be able to secure a photograph of Thomas at the state penitentiary in Nebraska, copies of which should be forwarded to all offices receiving copies of this letter, as well as to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

JPM/RJB

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- Cincinnati

- Chicago

- E. J. Connelley

- St. Paul

- Omaha

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

OV 700 E. Biscay
Fort Meade, Fla.
Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

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Gentlemen:

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This letter of May 4, 1936
of importance and to you,
again there may be
nothing to it. ONE FILE

The first week in
March a man came
to my home taking
orders for stove ware
cooking utensils. He
was very nice looking
and well dressed, but
his strange actions
made a deep impression
in my mind.

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I believe he was
Alvin Harpie. If
you are interested
I will give you more
information.

Very Truly Yours,

Mrs S. A. Douglas

April 30, 1936.

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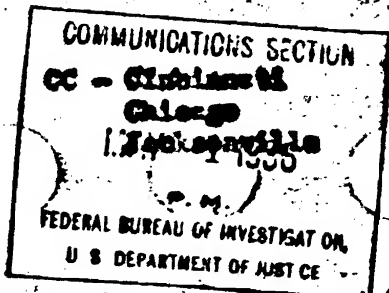
Mrs. S. A. Douglas,
700 East Broadway,
Fort Meade, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Your undated letter which was received in this Bureau on April 27, 1936 wherein you state you have observed a person who is possibly identical with Alvin Karpis has been referred to E. B. Nathan, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 412 U. S. Court House and Post Office Building, Jacksonville, Florida, for his attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
April 27, 1936

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. #1218, et al.;
Edward George Bremer, Victim -
Kidnaping.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Baughman	
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Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Joseph	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Concerning the motion to suppress the statements taken by Bureau Agents from Joe Adams, and his trial in Florida, which has tentatively been set for May 22, 1936, Judge Long has advised that the motion would properly lie and was properly brought, indicating in effect that the court will deal with this motion to suppress the statements of Joe Adams as a matter which goes to the merits of this case and will be treated during the course of the trial. It appears that the motions in this case will be heard on or about May 18, 1936, at which time Judge Ackerman will sit.

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With reference to the arrangements made by Bureau Agents to keep under constant surveillance the relatives of Grace Goldstein, her real name being Jewell Leverne Grayson, and her parents, who reside in the vicinity of Paris, Texas, no information has been gleaned. However, Mr. Brantley has stated that the cooperation and set-up in the particular vicinity are favorable.

The Chapman ranch, located near Corpus Christi, Texas, is also properly covered. You will recall that informant Clayton Hall has previously advised of the fishing trip which Karpis and he engaged in during January, 1936. However, the boat used during the fishing trips has not definitely been identified by Hall, nor has the captain of the ship been identified. Persons in the vicinity of Corpus Christi, however, have definitely identified Karpis' photograph as being that of the person who was pointed out as the husband of Grace Goldstein.

With reference to the pending prosecution at Jacksonville, Florida, relative to the trial of Myrtle Eaton, the Jacksonville office under date of April 23, has advised that a hearing on the demurrer filed by the attorneys representing this defendant, charged with conspiracy, has been set for April 27, 1936, at Jacksonville. Assistant United States Attorney William A. Paisley has advised the Jacksonville office that the point raised by the demurrer concerns the question that Weaver could not be guilty of the offense of harboring himself and consequently could not enter a conspiracy to commit this offense.

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The Ford V-8 1936 Coupe has been located at Paris, Texas, and was issued to Mrs. E. Woods, Route 6, Paris, Texas. Concerning this car, information has been obtained by Brantley that it was alleged to have been purchased by Karpis and Grace Goldstein. It has been located at the home of Leonard Grayson, Paris, Texas. The identification has been effected through the viewing of the photographs of Karpis, who has definitely been identified as being the husband of the Grayson woman.

With reference to the activity of Joe Anderson, of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, it appears that no information has recently been obtained by him. However, his activities are being followed closely, and should he proceed to the vicinity of Paris, Texas, Mr. Brantley will be immediately advised. Mr. Brantley does not expect any interference from the Kansas State Highway Patrol.

John Brock, being held by Post Office inspectors, is reported to have confessed his participation in the Garrettsville mail train robbery November 7, 1935, with Karpis, Campbell, and one "Sam", identity unknown, and Fred Hunter.

It appears that Milton Kett purchased a Plymouth Sedan which was used in this robbery and that Joe Roscoe, Toledo, Ohio, financed the job. A conference was held at the home of Edith Barry at Toledo, Ohio, on or about November 5, 1935, at which time the mail robbery was planned. Immediately following the robbery, John Zetzer, airplane pilot, Port Clinton, Ohio, purchased an airplane with stolen money and carried Karpis and Hunter to Hot Springs, Arkansas. The night preceding the holdup, members of the gang stayed at the farm of Clyde Rochat, Newton Falls, Ohio.

Immediately upon receipt of additional information relative to this matter, you will be furnished with details thereof.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

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1216 SMITH YOUNG TOWER
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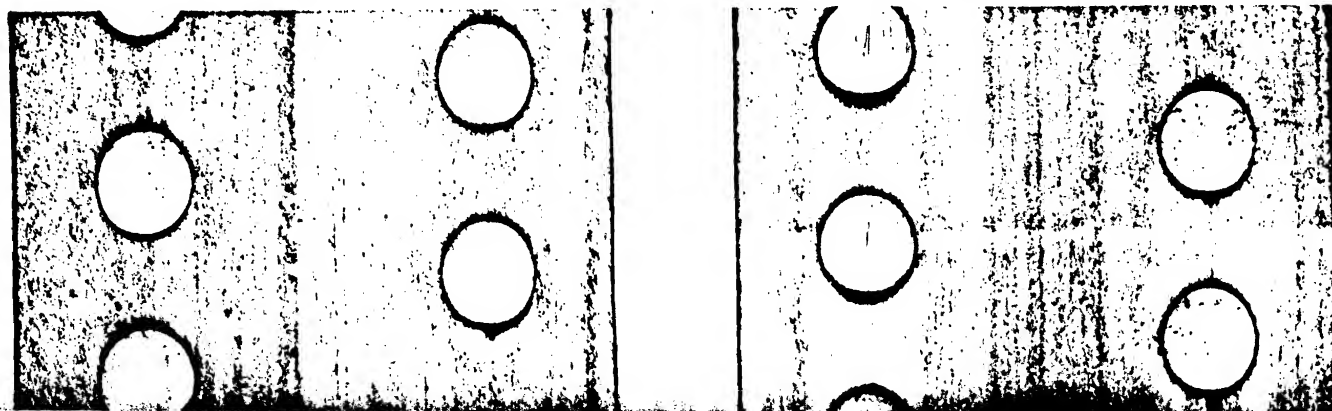
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-23-

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/24/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/23/36	REPORT MADE BY: F. J. BLAKE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. # 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. # 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. # 1236; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATL. FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Winifred Chapman is the name of the person living at 4223 Delano Place, Dallas, rather than Juanita. Mail cover maintained.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, Dallas, Texas, dated April 21, 1936.			
DETAILS: <p>Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones of the San Antonio Bureau Office advised by telephone that the investigation at Corpus Christi, Texas, developed that the name of the telephone operator is Winifred Chapman and that she moved from Corpus Christi to Dallas. A re-check of the offices of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Dallas disclosed this information to be correct and that the operator employed by that company and living at 4223 Delano Place is named WINIFRED Chapman.</p> <p>A cover placed on the mail at 4223 Delano Street shows the receipt of a letter addressed to Mrs. Stella Chapman, 4223 Delano Place, Dallas, Texas, postmarked San Diego, Texas. This letter was received on April 22, 1936. On April 22nd a letter was also received at this address addressed to Chloe Vesta Daugherty, 4223 Delano Place, Dallas, postmarked Kirbyville, Texas. The carrier, W. H. Thorp, # 64, stated that no one by the name of Daugherty lived at this address and the letter was returned.</p> <p>On April 24th a letter postmarked San Antonio, Texas, April 23, 1936, with return address Dora Olfine (or Olfine), 1023 Hays Street, San Antonio, addressed to Miss Winifred Chapman, was delivered. On the same date a letter was delivered to Mrs. Mollie Barrier, 4223 Delano Place, Dallas, postmarked Helena, Arkansas, April 22, 1936.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P E N D I N G</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>F. J. Blake</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Post Office Box 612
Chicago Illinois

April 25, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Referring to your letter dated April 20, 1936,
I am attaching hereto a photostatic copy of a laundry
slip of the American Laundry & Cleaning Company, main
office - 21 North Parrenmore Street, branch office - 18
East Church Street, Winter Park phone 49, made out in the
name of Frank Guthrie.

It is noted from your letter that the original
laundry ticket or photostat was requested for further in-
vestigation being made by your Office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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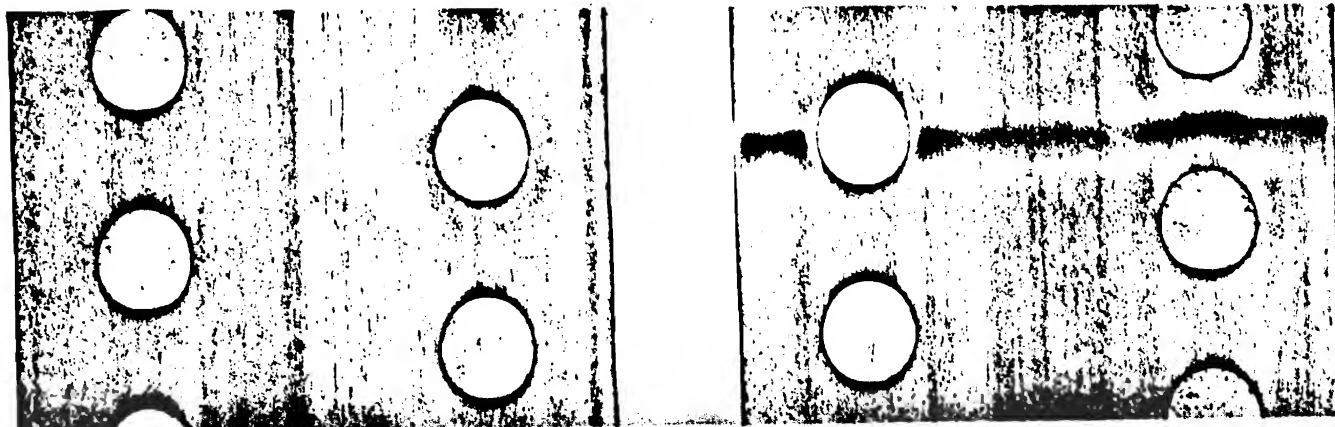
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Mr. E. Hoover.
Dept. of Justice.
Washington

Midvale Ohio
April 24 1936

P.B.

Dearest: Please send me a circular
and description of Alvin Karpis and
Harry Campbell.

I am Harry McGraw of Midvale, Ohio
small town Detective

Thanks in advance.

Yours Truly Harry McGraw
(Harry)

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Mr. Harry McGraw,
General Delivery,
Midvale, Ohio.

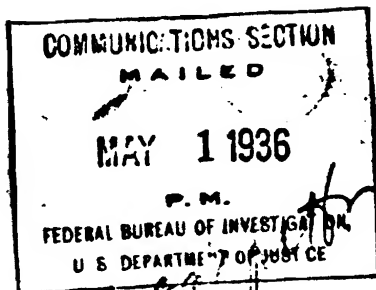
Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 24, 1936, there
is transmitted herewith one copy each of the reward circulars
issued by this Bureau relative to Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell
which may be of some assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1025 E. Pearson Rd.

Flint, Mich.

April 24-36.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

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I believe I know this man. I have always
been afraid of this party although it may not
be the same, but looks like the picture I see in the
papers and wanted to write at the time but I
didn't have time to write.

He was a few months and all of a
sudden he was gone. About 6 to 10 yrs. but the
ages are a big difference according to the
papers. As I said this may not
be the same party. If this is the same, and he
is dangerous I am the one wrote in his
hunts he would kill me, you even one of his
would if he is still connected with any. If any one
should call it would have to be before 3 P.M. before
my husband comes home from work. Please let me
know what I shall do. I am.

Mrs. Richard W. Mantz.

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April 29, 1936

Mrs. Richard W. Martin,
1015 East Pierson Road,
Flint, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 24, 1936, in which you furnish certain information with regard to the possible location of Alvin Karpis.

I wish to thank you for your letter and to advise you that this matter is being brought to the attention of Mr. H. H. Reinecke, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 911 Federal Building, Detroit, Michigan.

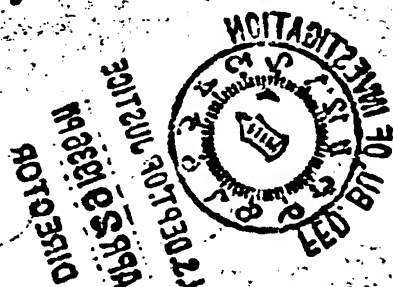
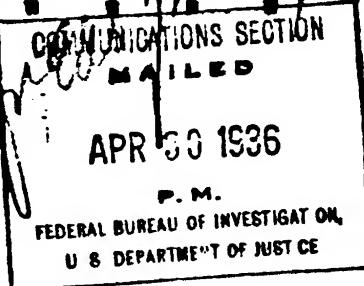
Please be assured that your name will be held in the strictest confidence in pursuing this investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
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Mr. Quinn
Mr. Tamm
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cc-Detroit (Copies of letter of 4-24-36)
St. Paul (Copy of letter of 4-24-36)
Cleveland
Cincinnati
E.J. Connelley,
Chicago



Post Office Box #1459,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
April 23rd, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

RE: BULKID

Dear Sir:

In response to your telegram
of instant date, please find attached hereto
a tracing of the only available known hand-
writing of Grace Goldstein.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-4 ndw

REPORT MADE AT <u>Trenton, New Jersey</u>	DATE WHEN MADE <u>4-24-36</u>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <u>4/17, 19/36</u>	REPORT MADE BY <u>N. D. WILLS</u>
TITLE <u>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.-#1218, FUGITIVE;</u> <u>DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.-#1232,</u> <u>FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.-#1236,</u> <u>FUGITIVE.</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE <u>KIDNAPING;</u> <u>HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUC-</u> <u>TION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-</u> <u>ARMS ACT.</u>
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Ford coupe obtained by "Duke" Randall through Joseph Adams from Chas. M. Bronson at Miami, Florida during the Fall of 1934. Randall states he saw Bronson sign certificates at the office of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Miami, Florida; that during this transaction was the only time he ever saw Bronson and that he is positive Bronson is not identical with Karpis or Adams. Randall identifies his own signature on transfer of title certificate; he advises the certificates were typed by a clerk in the office of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Miami, Florida, and that he supposes the clerk in that office scratched the typed name "Duke Randall" and inserted therefor the name of Chas. M. Bronson. Description of Bronson as given by Randall set out. Efforts to contact William Weisman unsuccessful to date.</p>			
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REFERENCES:		Report of Special Agent N. D. Wills, Trenton, 11/8/35. Report of Special Agent N. D. Wills, Trenton, 11/28/35. Report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, 4/14/36.	
DETAILS:		AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY: "Duke" Randall upon being interviewed concerning his acquisition	
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of the Ford coupe confiscated in Florida and subsequently returned to him, stated as follows:

That sometime during the Fall of 1934 and while he was working for Joseph Adams at the Biscayne Dog Track, 115 North Second Street, Miami, Florida, he told Adams that it was necessary for him to have an automobile to get to the dog track and to escort to the bank the armored truck which collected money from the dog track. Adams informed Randall that a man named Bronson had left an automobile at the hotel and that arrangements could be made to get that car for Randall.

A day or two later Randall went to the parking lot at the Biscayne Track to take over the automobile, the Ford coupe in question. After having it serviced, Randall advised, he then went to the hotel and there got the Bill of Sale which reflected that this car had formerly been registered in Ohio. This Bill of Sale was in the possession of Adams and it was Adams who gave it to Randall; however, Randall stated that at the time Adams gave him the Bill of Sale, the same was signed by Charles M. Bronson and that it did not designate any particular purchaser as he recalls. Randall further stated that he, after Adams had given him the Bill of Sale to the automobile, and Bronson went together to the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Miami, Florida, and there a girl clerk using the Bill of Sale for information typed the forms: "Combination Application for Duplicate and Transfer of Title Certificate" and "Certificate of Title Application". Randall advised as to the signature of Charles M. Bronson on these certificates that he (Randall) saw Bronson sign these forms at the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Miami, Florida; furthermore that the signature "Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida" appearing on the above mentioned combination form is his own signature and that it also was made at the office of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Miami, Florida.

As for the typed name "Duke Randall" appearing on the form "Certificate of Title Transfer" being scratched, Randall replied that a girl clerk in the office of the Motor Vehicle Bureau typed the form and that he supposes she made a mistake by placing his name in this form and that she scratched his name and inserted therefore the name of Charles M. Bronson.

As to the Bill of Sale for this automobile signed by Bronson and received by Randall from Adams, Randall stated he did not know the relationship between Adams and Bronson or how Adams became interested in the Ford coupe, but that he understands Bronson owed Adams some money and used this Ford coupe in payment thereof; that he (Randall) never mentioned money to Bronson; that he did business with Adams and for this reason he did pay Adams a small amount of money on the car. Randall advised that he did not know why Bronson did not make the Bill of Sale out to Adams instead of himself (Randall) unless it was to save the fee for registering

the car in Adams' name and again in his (Randall's) name. Randall further stated that the Bill of Sale was left in the possession of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Miami, Florida, and that so far as he knows that Bureau still has possession of this Bill of Sale.

When questioned as to the identity of Charles M. Bronson, Randall advised that he never saw Bronson until the day he and Bronson went to the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Miami, Florida, to transfer the title to the Ford automobile, and that he has not seen Bronson since that time. Randall stated positively that Karpis or Adams is not identical with Bronson. A description of Bronson follows later in this report.

Randall would not sign a statement including the above information, stating as his reason therefore that his attorney had advised him not to discuss this case with anyone and not to sign a thing. Randall informed that he expected to return to Miami, Florida, on April 19, 1936 and that while he is in Florida he can be located through the office of the Sheriff of Dade County, Florida or through his attorney, Bart Riley, Seabold Building, Miami, Florida.

Numerous efforts through personal visits, telephone, and Frederick M. Pearse, Newark, New Jersey, attorney, have been made to contact William Weisman to interview him relative to his associates while he was in Reno, Nevada, particularly as to "Slim" Burns and his "Brother" and "Father". To date these efforts have been unsuccessful. Weisman's address is 221 Chancellor Avenue, Newark, New Jersey and his telephone number is Haverly 3-5137.

A description of Charles M. Bronson as given by "Duke" Randall is:

Age:	36 - 37
Height:	5' 8" or 5' 9"
Weight:	150 pounds
Color of Hair:	Sandy
Complexion:	Light
Dress:	Wore mustache and had on sport clothes at the time Randall saw him.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE TRENTON OFFICE AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Will contact William Weisman and interview him relative to his acquaintance with the Burns brothers and ascertain the degree of intimacy that they reached, as set out in the report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, ~~March~~ ^{May} 21, 1935.

- P E N D I N G -

Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
April 24, 1936.

AIR MAIL

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telephone conversation of this date with Special Agent R. L. Nalls of this office which occurred during my temporary absence, and in accordance with your request there is forwarded herewith a photograph of Grace Goldstein, her description being set forth on the reverse of the photograph. With copies of this letter directed to the Bureau and the Cleveland office, there is being forwarded one photograph of Grace Goldstein.

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In accordance with the request made by you of Special Agent Nalls, no further action will be taken by this office until you otherwise instruct regarding the lead appearing in the report of Special Agent B. L. Dameron, dated at Little Rock, April 18, 1936, with reference to the interview with Stover concerning the trip of Grace Goldstein to Canton, Ohio.

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In connection with your request to be advised as to whether information of value has been obtained recently by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley or Special Agent Frank Smith, please be advised that at the present time I am out of contact with Mr. Brantley who is, I believe, making his headquarters at the Dallas Bureau office, and the only information I have is that which he has transmitted to either you or the Bureau, copies of which have been furnished this office. Special Agent Frank Smith, who is presently at Hot Springs, is in daily contact with this office and I have been advised only today by him that there have been no further developments at Hot Springs and that neither Grace Goldstein nor Connie Morris have returned to that point. Agent Smith is keeping in close touch with the Post Office Inspectors at Hot Springs, as well as Joe Anderson who is working with the Post Office Inspectors.

I have noted the instructions issued by you to Agent Nalls relative to the return of Clayton Hall to Cleveland in the event there are no material developments in this matter prior to tomorrow night, and these instructions will be complied with in the absence of developments.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cedar Rapids, Iowa, April 23, 1936.

J. Edgar Hoover,
Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please furnish me descriptions of the
following, together with pictures, if possible:

Alvin Karpis

Harry Campbell

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Sincerely yours,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1814 - 9th St., S.W.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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O.C. Catrelle, U.S. DEPT.
Inclosure No. 1123594.

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Mr. O. C. Gatrelle,
1814 - 9th Street, S. E.,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

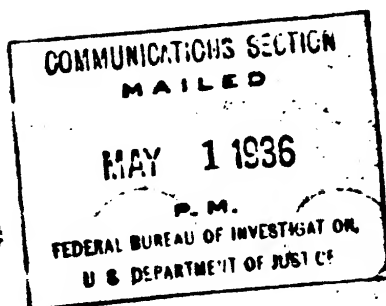
There is transmitted herewith one copy each of the reward circulars which have been prepared by the Bureau on April 22, 1936, containing the photograph and description of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell concerning whom you inquired in your letter of April 23, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #831489

cc: Cincinnati



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John Edgar Hoover

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AIR MAIL

1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
April 24, 1936.

GTJ/ML

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Sir:

Referring to mail cover on the mail of Mrs. W. L. Ferguson, P. O. Box 666, Hamilton, Texas, a letter was received at Hamilton, Texas, on April 20, 1936, postmarked Hot Springs, Ark. April 18, 1936, 1:30 P.M. addressed to Mrs. Scotty Ferguson, P. O. Box 666, Hamilton, Texas, with the return address 233 1/2 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Ark.

It is possible that the correspondence between Mrs. W. L. Ferguson, Hamilton, Texas, and Mrs. W. L. Grey at the address given in Hot Springs has nothing to do with instant case.

Your office should endeavor to ascertain the identity of Mrs. W. L. Grey and advise whether a further surveillance should be maintained at Hamilton, Texas.

Very truly yours,
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Gus F. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge

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E.J. Connelley, Chicago
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Post Office Box 618

Chicago, Illinois

April 24th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

As requested in your letter of April 19th, 1936, I am forwarding herewith to your Office two copies of the photograph of Grace Goldstein, paramour of Subject Karpis, which photograph shows her sitting on the front bumper of an automobile. I am also enclosing herewith two copies of a portrait of Connie Hamm, alias Connie Morris, as well as two copies of a photograph of this same individual.

A copy of this letter is being directed to each of the Bureau's Field Offices and two copies of each of the above referred to photographs are likewise being forwarded to each Bureau Office.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
April 24, 1936

Mr. John J. Ryan
Superintendent
United States Detention Farm
Milan, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Re: BREKID

Enclosed herewith is letter written to Dolores Delaney, an inmate of your institution, by her sister, Helen (Babe) Rielly, 6045 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The contents of this letter have been carefully noted and I desire to extend to you my sincere thanks for your continued cooperation in this and other matters.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
April 25, 1936.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter of
April 18th (7-576).

Notices of appeals in this case were filed
in duplicate with the Clerk of the U. S. District Court at
St. Paul as follows:

HARRY SAWYER January 27, 1936.
WILLIAM WEAVER January 28, 1936.
CASSIUS McDONALD February 1, 1936.

The originals are forwarded by said Clerk
to the Clerk of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, 8th Cir-
cuit at St. Louis. This is in compliance with the rules of
the U. S. Supreme Court requiring the filing of notice with-
in five days after judgment is entered.

The appeal of WEAVER is now subject to dis-
missal and a motion to dismiss will be filed in the near fut-
ure on the ground that sub-division 4 of paragraph 26 of the
Rules of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit
has been violated in that WEAVER failed to deposit \$35.00
to secure Clerk's costs within 15 days after filing notice
of appeal. The United States Attorney is now awaiting in-
formation from the Clerk of the Appellate Court as to whe-
ther the motion will be heard in St. Louis, Omaha, or St.
Paul.

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As to SAWYER, when these appeals were taken
the court here, under Rule 7 of the U. S. Supreme Court,
made its order requiring WEAVER, SAWYER, and McDONALD

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prepare and file their assignments of error, within 101 days from February 17, 1936, exclusive of Sundays and holidays. The secretary to Attorney Jennings, representing McDonald, has been in St. Paul reducing the transcript of testimony to narrative form, and has stated to the United States Attorney that SAWYER had failed to contribute anything toward the cost of the transcript and that Mrs. McDonald had refused to let SAWYER use the transcript.

After the expiration of 101 days from February 17, 1936, if SAWYER has not prepared and filed his bill of exceptions, the United States Attorney will move to dismiss SAWYER'S appeal.

As to McDONALD, Mr. Jennings will probably submit his bill of exceptions next week. So far McDONALD and SAWYER have complied with orders of the District Court and the Rules of the Circuit Court in their cases.

It appears that SAWYER'S appeal will probably be abandoned and that McDONALD will go up on grounds similar to those in the Berman Skelly cases in which, it is recalled, the Supreme Court denied certiorari.

Very truly yours,
C. W. Stein
C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

JEB:SEC
CC-Cincinnati
Chicago

JBL:MB

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 23, 1936

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It is noted that under date of April 20, 1936, the Bureau has directed Special Agent M. W. Acers, presently assigned to the Oklahoma City Office, to proceed to the Washington Field Office on transfer.

As the Bureau has been previously informed, Agent Acers, together with Special Agent V. I. Parry, is maintaining surveillance of the home of Harry Campbell's parents at 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is assumed that another Agent is being transferred to Oklahoma City to take Agent Acers' place on this surveillance, and accordingly, no arrangements will be made for Agent Acers' departure for Washington, D.C. on this transfer until Bureau advice is received with reference to the continuance of this surveillance.

Very truly yours,

WIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Wash. Field

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P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio

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April 24, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: "BREKID."

Dear Sir:

One W. P. McGUFFEY, who resides about a quarter of a mile North of McGuffey, Ohio, in Hardin County, called this office by telephone today advising that a stranger had called at his home at 8:15 P.M., yesterday under suspicious circumstances. Mrs. McGuffey saw the man and is under the impression he bore some resemblance to Karpis. The man left and nothing is known as to his present whereabouts.

This, for your information and disposition.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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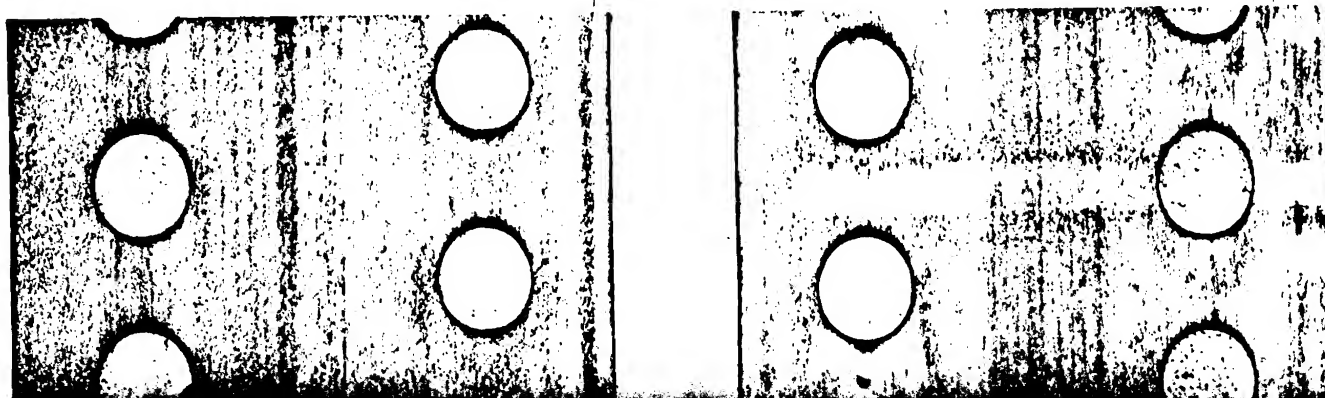
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U. S. Department of Justice,
232 Uptown Station and Federal Courts Building,
ST. PAUL, MINN.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building

Kansas City, Missouri

April 25, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

With reference to the letter from the Kansas City office to the St. Paul office dated February 3, 1936, and report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Paul, dated February 10, 1936, relative to Bessie Green, this is to advise that on April 24, 1936, Chief Deputy Warden Stubblefield, Kansas State Penitentiary, advised the Kansas City office that Everett Bible, inmate of his institution, had information which he wished to convey that may be of interest to the Bureau.

On the same date Special Agent W. E. Hopton of the Kansas City office interviewed Everett Bible at the Kansas State Penitentiary at which time he advised that he had received definite information to the effect that Bessie Green is in touch with Alvin Karpis. It may be mentioned here that information was obtained by Agent Hopton to the effect that a young lady from Oilton, Oklahoma, personally visits Everett Bible at the Kansas State Penitentiary and that this young lady is apparently a close acquaintance of Bessie Green. Bible further advised that Bessie was in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in November, 1935, at which time she was in contact with Karpis. He was of the opinion that Karpis is able to get word to his folks in Chicago through Bessie Green. It was also his opinion that if a surveillance was placed on Bessie same would produce results. It may be stated here also that Everett Bible is a very close friend of Sam Barker. Bible is presently serving a forty year sentence for murder and he originates from Coffeyville, Kansas. Bible mentioned during the course of the conversation that Bessie Green made a trip to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, several weeks ago.

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In view of the above it is suggested that consideration be given to the advisability of maintaining a surveillance of Bessie Green.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - E.J. Connelley, Chicago
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J. P. MAC FARLAND
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1448 STANDARD BUILDING
CLEVELAND, OHIO

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FOUR NINE SERIAL ONE ONE TWO EIGHT SIX FOUR SEVEN REGISTRATION NINETEEN
THIRTY SIX NEWYORK E THREE FOUR ONE SIX TO ^xJOSEPH BYDOLEK ONE NAUGHT FOUR
LINDEN AVENUE BUFFALO PROPERTY OWNER AT ONE NAUGHT FOUR LINDEN AVENUE
WIFE LILLIAN RESIDED OVER TEN YEARS THAT ADDRESS OCCUPATION SALESMAN
NO DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE ARRESTED SEVERAL TIMES BUFFALO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 24, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the mail cover being maintained upon the mail received by parents and relatives of Ruth Hamm, Robertson alias Ruth Hamm alias Connie Morris at Davidson, Oklahoma, referred to in the report of Special Agent in Charge M. J. Connelley dated April 14, 1936, a letter has just been received from L. G. Dobbs, Postmaster at Davidson, Oklahoma, advising that Bertha Hamm, sister of Ruth Hamm, mailed a letter yesterday, April 23, 1936, to Miss Ivon Johnson, c/o Johnson, Route 2, Longview, Texas. The Postmaster advises that he is quite sure that the last address has no connection with investigation being conducted in this case; that the Johnson girl is a friend of Bertha Hamm, and moved from Davidson last year. It is believed desirable, however, to check the reputation and activities of Miss Ivon Johnson at Longview, Texas, and the people with whom she is staying, in order to eliminate her definitely from any possibility of being a contact of the subjects in this case.

Very truly yours,

WIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau
Cleveland
Chicago
Cincinnati
Little Rock

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612 Marine Trust Bldg.
Buffalo, New York

April 24th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to your telegram dated April 23rd, 1936, on the above-entitled matter, to ascertain detail on New York automobile registration E-3416 issued for Plymouth car and also telegraphic reply of this office that this license was issued to Joseph Bydolek.

We have secured the following information in regard to this individual:

It was determined that Joseph Bydolek is district manager for the ~~William~~ Company, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and has been employed by this same company for over ten years. This company manufactures sashes, doors and interior finish.

It was also determined that in November, 1935, he was located in Miami, Florida, address 1142 South West Fourth Street.

Both he and his wife are reported to be well-known golfers and evidently have gained considerable notoriety in the newspapers in that sport.

His automobile registration gives his description as follows: Born April 2nd, 1889, height 5' 10", weight 175 pounds, eyes brown, hair brown.

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Very truly yours

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B. E. Sackett
Special Agent in Charge

MR-SIG
cc Bureau

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

April 24, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: WAYNE SANDERS - Special Agent

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the above-named Special Agent arrived in Cleveland, Ohio on April 24, 1936 at 6:30 a.m. for special assignment in connection with the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
April 24, 1936.

AIR MAIL

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting for the information of the Bureau two copies of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent J. G. Kertz covering an inspection made by Agent Kertz together with Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brahtley, and Special Agents C. O. Hurt, L. E. Kingman, A. P. Barber, and Paul Hansen of the premises of E. E. Woodcock, near Hot Springs, Arkansas, which was the subject of a recent raid by Agents of this Bureau in connection with the above entitled matter.

One copy of this memorandum is being forwarded to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago and one copy is being forwarded to the Cincinnati Bureau office.

Mr. E. E. Woodcock has submitted to me an estimate which bears the following notation: "The above is a just and correct estimate of the damage to the property". Signed, E. F. Woodcock. There have also been prepared copies of this estimate, two of which are forwarded for the Bureau files, two being forwarded to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago and another being forwarded to the Cincinnati Bureau office.

The attention of the Bureau is called to the fact that the above referred to estimate has been submitted by E. F. Woodcock whereas the property which was raided is shown as belonging to E. E. Woodcock. Mr. E. F. Woodcock is the son of E. E. Woodcock and advises that he is charged with the duty of supervising this property and that he has authority from his father to make settlement for the damages occasioned by the raid.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures
cc Mr. Connelley, Chicago
cc Cincinnati

CHAPMAN FLETCHER

Special Agent in Charge

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Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 31, 1936.

M E M O R A N D U M

RE: BREKID.

On March 30, 1936, the writer checked and noted the following damage caused by raid on the property of E. E. Woodcock near Hot Springs, Arkansas.

A. North-west room, basement.

1. Back window glass broken, size approximately 8" x 8".
2. One window screen torn, size approximately 8' x 4'.

The screen damaged was merely a strip of screen nailed across the window and was not in a frame and a fixture separate from the frame of the house itself.

3. One strip beaver board on inside wall of the room damaged by a gas shell.
4. One plate glass mirror approximately 12" x 18" contained in wooden frame

B. North side house - exterior.

1. Right hand board of attic casing split by gas shell.

C. North-west room, first floor.

1. One window shade torn by gas shell.
2. Two window glasses broken - size approximately 10" x 18".

3. Portion of window frame broken by gas shell.

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4. Small hole in inside plaster wall caused by gas shell.

5. Chip knocked from plaster ceiling by gas shell.

D. South-west room - first floor.

1. One window glass broken, size approximately 10" x 12".

2. One lace window curtain torn by gas shell.

The material in this lace window curtain was rotted and in very poor condition.

3. Small chip knocked from plaster ceiling.

4. Small hole in plaster and beaver board interior side wall.

E. South-east bed room - first floor.

1. Hole in plaster and beaver board interior side wall.

2. Plain wood picture frame and glass broken.

F. East bed room up-stairs.

1. One window glass broken, size approximately 8" x 12".

2. One window screen and frame broken, size approximately 2' x 4'.

3. Two window drapes damaged.

Evidently inexpensive material contained in these drapes.

4. One mattress, two pillows, two pillow slips, and one shade damaged by fire.

In addition to a personal check by the writer of the damage, the above quoted damages were noted by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, and Special Agents G. O. Hurt, L. E. Kingman, A. P. Barber, and Paul Hansen.

J. O. MERTZ.
SPECIAL AGENT.

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WRG:AM

May 4, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Re: CLAIM OF E. E. WOODCOCK, HOT SPRINGS,
ARKANSAS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71.16.

With reference to the above mentioned claim, I was of the opinion that this claim could be paid under the law which has been recently passed authorizing the Bureau to settle claims up to \$500. In checking up with the Department and getting a Departmental ruling on this matter, I find that this claim can be paid under this new law in the following ways:

1. To get bids from three reputable dealers for the repair work, the bids to specify that they are good for one year.
2. If the repairs have been made, a receipted bill should be forwarded to the Bureau for submission to the Department, after which the Attorney General will forward it to Congress.

It is noted that some of the repair work has already been done, and other of the repair work is being held until such time as it can be economically completed.

I believe that the most satisfactory way of handling this matter would be to have a payment made by blue slip and reimbursement made to the Agent in Charge at Little Rock. By the other method, it appears that there will be a delay in settling the claim, with the result that it may be increased if bids must be secured.

Respectfully,

W. R. Glavin.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 24, 1936,
concerning the claim of Mr. E. E. Woodcock for damages to his
property in connection with a raid conducted by Agents of this
Bureau at a point near Hot Springs, Arkansas.

You are advised that the Bureau believes this to
be a just claim and you are hereby authorized to pay Mr. Woodcock
the amount of \$71.16 in full settlement thereof. Payment of this
amount should be made by you in cash and reimbursement claimed
by means of a blue slip.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

ORIGINAL FILED IN 66-4684-47

April 23, 1936.

Time - 1:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Re: Request of National Broadcasting Company to broadcast activities of the Laboratory and criminal record of Karpis.

Mr. Suydam telephoned and advised that Mr. Carlto Smith of the National Broadcasting Company had this morning requested permission to broadcast a program setting forth the activities of the Crime Laboratory; that the broadcast would occur over the N.B.C. Blue Network on or about the 29th of May, from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. Eastern Standard Time. Mr. Suydam stated he saw no objection to allowing this program and I agreed but stated we should ascertain who the commentator is going to be inasmuch as the success of such a broadcast would depend to a large extent on the ability of the commentator. Mr. Suydam stated he would have Mr. Smith contact me directly and that he had told Mr. Smith that such a program would have to be approved, not from a viewpoint of censorship, but to make sure the factual background was accurate. I stated that of course this would be done.

Mr. Suydam stated that Mr. Smith also requested the criminal history of Alvin Karpis; that the idea of the N.B.C. is to put on a broadcast when Karpis is apprehended, headed by the actual news story; that they then wish to put on a sort of dramatization of Karpis' history. Mr. Suydam stated the N.B.C. wished to get their script writers to work on this at once; that Mr. Smith stated it would be submitted for approval and held for release until the capture of Karpis was actually effected. Mr. Suydam stated he approved of this request and I agreed stating I would be glad to cooperate with the N.B.C.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
April 25, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BULKED

This is to advise that Nate Smith, Special Agent, Missouri Pacific Railroad, Coffeyville, Kansas, who is a personal acquaintance of Special Agent M. E. Hopton of this office and who has numerous contacts and informants in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Kansas, has advised Agent Hopton that he had received information through his informants that on April 2, 1936, Milton Lett left St. Louis, Missouri, for Hot Springs, Arkansas, but en route changed his mind and went to some point in Northern Oklahoma where he met Sam Coker and then returned to St. Louis, Missouri, and should have arrived there about April 5 or 6, 1936. He advised that one Earl Collins, an oil field worker at Ada, Oklahoma, is a close friend and associate of Milton Lett. Any further information that Mr. Smith obtains will be immediately communicated to the Kansas City office.

In view of the fact that investigation by the Cleveland office indicated that Joe Roscoe of Toledo, Ohio, was contemplating the opening of a gambling establishment in the vicinity of East St. Louis, it is requested that the Kansas City office be advised if the present investigation by the Cleveland office indicates that Roscoe has opened such a place. It may be stated that Chief Deputy Warden Stubblefield, Kansas State Penitentiary, who is a very reliable individual and who has worked with the Kansas City office, was formerly a Sheriff in one of the counties in Illinois near East St. Louis and has a number of informants in that vicinity.

It is requested that the Oklahoma City office conduct appropriate investigation relative to Earl Collins at Ada, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

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W. A. SMITH,

Special Agent in Charge, DE INVESTIGATION

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

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April 24, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: C. H. HARDISON - Special Agent

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the above-named Special Agent arrived in Cleveland, Ohio on April 24, 1936 at 7:15 a.m. for special assignment in connection with the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Indianapolis

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

April 24, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Referring to your letter of April 20, 1936, relative to the location of William Bischoff, alias Harry Bischoff, alias Lefty Clark, 3716 Prairie Avenue, Miami, Florida, please be advised that the information in the possession of this office, as obtained from an informant, is to the effect that Fred Hunter, who is now believed to be with Karpis, might contact Lefty Clark, it having been alleged that Hunter at one time worked for Lefty Clark or sold gambling equipment to him at Detroit, Michigan. As there is a possibility of such a contact, it is suggested that some arrangements be effected to maintain a discreet surveillance on Lefty Clark, with the objective in view of locating possible hideouts at Miami, which might be utilized by Karpis and Hunter, not overlooking the possibility of apprehending the fugitives by reason of their possible contact with Clark.

In view of your letter of April 21, 1936 to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, it appears probable that Hunter and Karpis were in Florida during this year, and it is not unlikely that Lefty Clark was their contact there. It is suggested that an effort be made to determine whether Clark attended the cock fights at Orlando with Hunter and Karpis during January, 1936, and your office, and the Detroit office, should secure, if such is available, a photograph of Lefty Clark for assistance in the contemplated investigation.

It should be indicated that Fred Hunter is a cock fight enthusiast.

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It is possible that Special Agent in Charge Connelley may desire a direct interview with Clark concerning his knowledge of the fugitives, if his attitude is such as to indicate that he might be cooperative, as might be judged by the extent to which he cooperated in the case entitled, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; WISCONSIN - BARK ROBBERY.

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Special Agent in Charge Connelley should be advised as to the possibility of using Clark as an informant, and it is believed that this might be possible if your investigation will establish that Clark was contacted by Hunter and Karpis during the past year, and he can be made to realize that he faces possible harboring charges.

Very truly yours,

JPM/KJB

CC - Bureau ✓
- Detroit
- Cincinnati
- Chicago
- E. J. Connelley
- St. Paul

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

Los Angeles, California, April th23rd, 1936.

Attorney General Cummings, Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen, I see where you are offering a reward for the arrest or, information that will lead to the arrest, of one Alvin Karpis, wanted for Kidnaping or implicated there in, of one William A. Hamm, of St. Paul. Minn. Said reward is (\$5000.00) Five Thousand Dollars.

Also a reward for one Harry Campbell also wanted for Kidnaping, of one Edward G. Bremer also of St. Paul. Minn. Said reward is (\$2500.00) Two Thousand Five Hundred, Dollars, Will you please give me full information as to each mans description. If you have same, Their height, weight, color of hair and

eyes, complexion. and habits, I am not an officer of the law at present but have been in past years, and feel I can be a help to you and the Government

in bringing about the arrest of each man, if I have something to work from, I seen each mans picture in a Los Angeles paper, dated April th22nd, 1936.

Waiting your reply,

Very Respectfully Yours.

Raymond E. Worthington.

1143 South Olive, Street.

Los Angeles, California.

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Mr. Raymond E. Worthington,
1143 South Olive Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 23, 1936 concerning
the reward circulars issued by this Bureau relative to Alvin
Karpis and Harry Campbell, there is attached hereto one copy
each of these reward circulars which may be of assistance to
you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #863065

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U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
APRIL 24, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the reward circulars for Subjects
Karpis and Campbell.

Approximately 1500 of these circulars were received today,
and have been mailed out on the regular mailing list.
However, in order to complete the regular mailing list
at least 1500 additional copies of each circular will be
necessary. If it is desired to also send these circulars
to the mailing list used for the Robinson and Dainard
circulars, at least 5000 additional copies of each
circular will be needed.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Send 5000
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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
April 25, 1936

Mr. John M. Moss
Postmaster
Nevada, Missouri

Dear Mr. Moss:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter
dated April 11, 1936, relative to Mildred Lawson and Ted
Thornton.

Let me take this opportunity to express my
thanks and appreciation for your cooperation in this, as well
as other matters.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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RE: BREKID

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO.

7-43

REPORT MADE AT CINCINNATI, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 4-25-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-18, 20-36	REPORT MADE BY R. H. KLETT MGR
TITLE ELVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1232 et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NAT'L. FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Photographs and description of Sam Gloane and Preston Sellers obtained from Ohio State Penitentiary. Various Springs checked and found not to have baths. Ph. Morton, 850 Wade Street, Cincinnati, Advertising firm and letter to Louis Nathan was in response to his answer of an advertisement. Stops placed with Bureau of Motor Vehicles on Buick Motor #63052198 and Hudson Motor #60348.

REFERENCE:

Letter from the Cleveland Office dated 4-13-36.
Letter from the Chicago office dated 4-5-36.
Report of Special Agent H. D. Harris, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 4-9-36.

DETAILS:

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent J. E. Thornton:

As requested in letter from the Cleveland Office dated 4-13-36, Agent contacted Mr. D. J. Bonzo, Record Clerk at the Ohio State Penitentiary and ascertained that the only person released at approximately this time was a negro named Sam Lincoln, Ohio State Penitentiary #64187. This man was 25 years old and only weighed 142# and so was eliminated immediately.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. J. Connelley</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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A man by the name of Sam Sloane, Ohio State Penitentiary #65707 was released from this institution on parole on 6-11-34. He was received at the Ohio State Penitentiary on 6-30-32 to serve from one to five years for Possession of Burglary Tools and Carrying Concealed Weapons. The following description was obtained:

Name	Sam Sloane.
Age	33 (born Ohio 3-5-03)
Height	5'11"
Weight	152#
Hair	Light chestnut.
Complexion	Florida.
Fingerprint	25 I O 10
Classification	20 I O
Parents	Mother, Jessie Sloane, 1632 Pleasant Ave., Hamilton, Ohio, and 519 E. Ave., Hamilton, Ohio.

The photograph of this man was obtained and is being sent to the Cleveland Office, although he was released long before the Garrettsville job.

Mr. Bonzo and Agent then went through the files and checked descriptions without regard to the name of Sam and the following person was selected because of his description, which is being set forth:

Name	Preston Sellers alias Charles Preston Sellers. Ohio State Penitentiary #68870.
Age	49
Height	5'11"
Weight	173#
Hair	Dark and Gray.
Complexion	Florida.
Eyes	Dark
Crime	Selling securities without a license.
Fingerprint	25 - 00
Classification	8 - I 16
Marital status	Married, wife, Bessie Sellers.

Preston Sellers was received at the Ohio State Penitentiary on 11-1-34 from Huron County, Ohio, to serve a sentence of from 1-5 years. Ernest L. Wolff was the Prosecuting Attorney and Irving Carpenter was the Trial Judge. The indictment in the Huron County Common Pleas Courts is numbered 15675. He was paroled on 11-1-35 and is supposed to be working now at 60 Broad St., New York, N.Y., for a firm by the name of A. A. Hall. The information concerning Sellers in the file is very meagre and indicates that he does not have any close relatives and that both his father and mother are deceased. The photograph of Sellers was obtained and is being sent to the Cleveland Office.

The following investigation was conducted by the reporting Agent:

Agent ascertained from William Smith, President of the Dayton Railway Company, during conversation with him, that he formerly frequented various Baths. Agent endeavored to ascertain from him any information he had concerning the Baths located in this district, and he stated that at present the only Bath that he knows of, operating in or around these parts is one located near Chillicothe, Ohio. Agent asked him if he had been to the Baths at Yellow Springs lately and he stated that they had been closed for a number of years. He further stated that there never were any Bathing facilities at the Spring Valley Springs, Spring Valley, Ohio, and that the Springs at Fountain Park, Magnetic Springs, Ohio, have not been operating for some time.

Agent proceeded to Yellow Springs, Ohio, where he contacted C. C. Stephenson, Marshal, and ascertained that the Springs at this place have not been in operation for the past twenty years and prior to that time it had been quite a resort, but after the fire burned down the hotel it has never been used. Agent ascertained from Mr. Stephenson that they never did have Bathing facilities at Spring Valley, Ohio, and further ascertained that Fountain Park, Magnetic Springs, Ohio, has no Bathing facilities.

It was ascertained that Ph. Morton, 830 Wade St., Cincinnati, is an Advertising concern putting out outdoor signs similar to General Outdoor Advertising Corporation. Agent contacted Mr. E. W. Stricker, office Manager, and it was ascertained from him that they have no person in their employ by the name of Louis Nathan, but that they had received a letter from him in response to an advertisement they had placed in the Chicago papers and while Mr. Stricker could find no record of their answering his letter it was his opinion that any letter mailed to Mr. Nathan was in response to his answer of the advertisement.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. E. Thornton:

Inquiry at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Hartman Building, Columbus, Ohio, reflected that it will not be possible to check 1936 registrations until May 1, 1936, and possibly not until later than that date.

At the present time there is no record of a 1935 Hudson Coupe, Motor #60348 having been registered for 1936. A "stop" notice was placed on this motor number and in the event this car is registered in Ohio, the Cincinnati Office will be immediately notified. "Stop" notice was also placed on four door Buick, 1936 model, Motor #63052198, serial #2895972 and in the event this car is registered the Cincinnati Office will be immediately notified. The files are very incomplete at the present time, but to date the Buick has not been registered.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI

FILE NO. 7-6

REPORT MADE AT El Paso, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 4-24-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-14, 15, 16-36	REPORT MADE BY M. C. Falkner
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I.O.#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.#1236, et al. EDWARD GEO. BREMER, Victim,			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>All long distance calls checked from date of installation of telephone of <u>C. G. Campbell</u>, Midland, Texas, to April 14, 1936. Results without value. Mail and telephone cover being continued at Midland. Observations in vicinity of T. & P. Coal and Oil Company leases near McCamey and Royalty, Texas, unproductive. <u>C. G. (Clell) Campbell</u> now residing in Jal, New Mexico, where cover placed on his mail. Unknown woman, said to be his wife, arrived Jal about 4-12-36.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Report M. C. Falkner, El Paso, Texas, 4-8-36; Letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to Butte, Montana, 4-15-36; Wire to Butte, 4-19-36; Wire from Butte, 4-20-36.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">- At Midland, Texas -</p> <p>Inspection of the records in the local office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company disclosed that C. G. Campbell became a subscriber on June 3, 1935, on which date telephone No. 1059 was assigned. As stated in the reference report of M. C. Falkner, the records of long distance calls to and from the above telephone number at Midland, Texas, would be available for inspection on or after April 10, 1936. At the time of this investigation the records of these calls were made available to Agent for inspection.</p> <p>A check of these records discloses innumerable long distance calls to and from the above telephone number and various towns in Western Texas and Eastern New Mexico. Through prior investigation, the writer is aware of the fact that the <u>T. and P. Coal and Oil Company</u>, by whom C. G. Campbell is employed as <u>Production Manager</u>, has producing wells and maintains leases in the immediate</p>			
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vicinity of each of the towns in question. It was further noted that these calls were almost invariably from or to one of the many "farmer bosses" of this company.

The records checked reflected long distance calls both to and from the above mentioned telephone number from the date of installation of the telephone, June 3, 1935, to April 14, 1936, with the exception of the latter part of the month of March, 1936, for which period the records could not be located. In view of the number of these calls and the further fact that it is known that the calls were made in almost every instance by Campbell to one of the "farmer bosses" or by one of the above mentioned "farmer bosses" to Campbell, these calls are not set out in detail in this report. There were no long distance calls from any distant point. As a matter of fact there was nothing found in the list of calls to and from the above telephone number which would indicate any connection between any such long distance call and the fugitives in this case.

At the time of this investigation Agent was again re-assured through the confidential source by which this coverage on telephone calls was originally arranged, that the El Paso Bureau office would be immediately notified in the event a long distance call was placed to or from the above telephone, and originating or terminating at some distant point. By this is meant and is understood by this confidential source, any long distance call originating or terminating at some point outside the immediate area of Western Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in locating the exact points where the Texas and Pacific Coal and Oil Company were engaged in developing leases or in the operation of producing wells. In this connection it will be stated that the fields where this company has interests are generally oil producing areas where other companies also have leases and there are no boundary marks between the leases.

- At McCamey, Texas -

Agent was able to locate the T. and P. Coal and Oil Company lease five and one-half miles east of McCamey on the McCamey-Rankin highway without difficulty. It developed that this particular lease contains a well now under process of being drilled and, according to information received by Agent, employees of the T. and P. Coal and Oil Company are now assigned to work at this particular well. Agent was able to observe all of the employees at this place, or at least all that were there at the time of this investigation. None was seen who resembled the fugitives in this case, nor did Agent observe either Jack or Clell Campbell or either of their automobiles.

- At Royalty, Texas -

Investigation developed that it will be impossible to ascertain the exact locations of the T. and P. Coal and Oil Company properties in the vicinity of Royalty in view of the fact that innumerable oil wells are located in every direction from this town and the wells under control of the company in question could be located only thru direct inquiry of many persons throughout the oil fields until the particular properties could be pointed out. Agent was able, however, without making more than three inquiries, to determine the general location where the T. and P. Company was operating but Agent was not able to ascertain the exact wells belonging to this company. Agent

observed the workers throughout the general territory in question which, from information received, contained the leases operated by the above named company as well as those operated by many other major oil companies. Nothing was observed to indicate the presence there of any of the fugitives in this case. Neither Clell nor Jack Campbell, nor either of their automobiles, was seen.

- At Kermit, Texas -

Investigation discloses that due to innumerable new oil fields being developed in this vicinity it would be impossible to ascertain the exact location of the T. and P. Company's operations without making many inquiries.

In view of the above situation found at Royalty and Kermit, Texas, it is deemed advisable to obtain the services of Mr. Lewis Link, referred to in the reference report by the writer, to proceed with Agent on a tour of the leases referred to in the reference report as being under operation by the Texas and Pacific Coal and Oil Company and under the supervision of C. J. (Jack) Campbell, in order that these properties can be observed without the necessity of Agent having to inquire every mile or so in an effort to locate the exact properties in question.

- At Jal, N. M. -

Interview was had with Helen Anna Childers, Postmistress, who stated that C. C. Campbell has been in Jal for about twelve or fifteen days and calls for and receives mail at the General Delivery window; that she does not know his occupation but presumes he is employes in one of the many local oil fields; that she has not seen him in an automobile and does not know whether or not he possesses one.

Photograph of the fugitive Campbell was exhibited to Miss Childers who stated that this photograph does not resemble anyone she has ever seen. In this connection, she stated that she has seen no one with C. C. Campbell except a woman who arrived in Jal several days ago, claiming to be his wife. Miss Childers further stated that she does not know from where this woman came; that when Campbell first came to Jal he lived at her mother's hotel; that her mother is Mrs. Peter Bish, who operates the Woolworth Hotel in Jal. N. Mex.

Interview was had with Mrs. Peter Bish who stated that Clell Campbell arrived at her hotel on about April 5 or 6, 1936; that he secured a room here and remained until about April 12, 1936, at which time he told her that his wife was expected to arrive in Jal that day and it would be necessary for him to either secure a larger room there or obtain quarters elsewhere; that she did not have a larger room and so informed Campbell; that on the same afternoon this woman came by the hotel and Campbell introduced this woman to her, Mrs. Bish, as Mrs. C. C. Campbell. She did not talk to this woman and does not know her former address or by what means she arrived in Jal. Mrs. Bish stated that while C. C. Campbell was a guest at her home he remained to himself all of the time, had little or nothing to say to anyone, and that if he had an automobile she had not seen it; that so far as she knows and believes, Clell Campbell is employed in the local oil fields but the name of the company by whom he is employed is unknown to her. Mrs. Bish was specifically questioned as to whether or not she had seen C. C.

Campbell associating with any men while in Jal. Mrs. Bish replied that she had never seen Clell Campbell with anyone until his wife arrived there. Mrs. Bish also stated that she saw C. C. Campbell on the streets a day or so ago and he remarked to her that he had obtained a shack on the outskirts of Jal and his wife was keeping house for him at this point. Mrs. Bish further stated that so far as she knows Clell Campbell received no long distance calls or telegrams, and did not make any long distance calls or sent any telegrams, while he was a guest at her hotel.

Agent again interviewed Miss Childers, Postmistress, for the purpose of having a cover placed on the mail of C. C. Campbell. It will be stated here that Miss Childers has not been in the post office very long and was unfamiliar with the procedure in connection with a matter of this sort, however, she expressed her willingness to take whatever action might be requested of her. She was asked to notice the mail received by C. C. Campbell for a period of thirty days and advise the El Paso office when such mail was received by C. C. Campbell, by forwarding a note to the El Paso office setting out the return address, the postoffice cancellation stamp, and addressee, and the date. In view of Miss Childers' inexperience in this matter, she was not requested to forward mail tracings to the El Paso office.

The reference letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Butte office sets out that the El Paso office should verify whether or not C. C. (Clell) Campbell is in fact presently residing at Jal, New Mexico, where on March 27, 1936, a letter was posted to Mrs. Maybelle Campbell, Weiser, Idaho, bearing the return address of "C. Campbell."

As is noted in this report, it is definitely established that C. C. (Clell) Campbell is now residing at Jal, New Mexico, where a woman claiming to be his wife recently joined him.

On April 19, 1936, a wire was forwarded to the Butte office to ascertain at Weiser, Idaho, whether Maybelle Campbell was still there as it is believed she is now with Clell Campbell at Jal, New Mexico, as a woman recently joined him there.

On April 20, 1936, reply was received from the Butte office setting out that Maybelle Campbell drew \$100.00 from postal savings account at Weiser, Idaho, about ten days ago and departed April 4 by bus for an unknown destination in Arizona.

In view of the above information from the Butte office there appears to be no doubt but that the woman now with Clell Campbell in Jal, New Mexico, is the woman known as Maybelle Campbell, formerly of Weiser, Idaho. It will be stated that neither of the informants at Jal, New Mexico, could furnish a description of the woman in question.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The BUTTE OFFICE at Weiser, Idaho, will obtain and forward to the El Paso office an accurate description of the woman known as Maybelle Campbell who claims to be the wife of C. C. (Clell) Campbell, in order that it may be definitely determined if this is the woman now with Clell Campbell at Jal, New Mexico.

The EL PASO office at Jal, New Mexico will, prior to May 16, 1935, interview the Postmistress for the purpose of extending the present cover being maintained on the mail of C. C. Campbell.

Will obtain description of the woman posing as the wife of C. C. Campbell in order to compare it with the description to be received from the Butte office

At Midland, Texas, will endeavor to make arrangements with Mr. Lewis C. Link whereby Mr. Link will proceed with Agent to point out the exact locations of the T. and P. Coal and Oil Company's leases and producing wells in the vicinity of Royalty and Kermit, Texas, and Jal and Hobbs, New Mexico.

Will maintain contact with Postmaster Howe, Sheriff Francis, Deputy Sheriff Pollard, Mr. C. M. Goldsmith and Mr. Lewis C. Link for any additional information that they may be able to get relative to this matter.

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PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my memorandum and letter of April 17, 1936, from the Dallas Office, which relates to investigation conducted by me in the Little Rock and Dallas Districts in connection with efforts to locate the family of Grace Goldstein.

You are advised that the 1936 Texas License on the Ford Coupe, now in the possession of Leonard Grayson, Route 6, Paris, Texas, which is alleged to have been purchased by Karpis and Grace Goldstein, whose correct name is Jewel Laverne Grayson, is 688,342. Special Agent H.T. Arterberry, at the Tax Collector's Office in Paris, Texas, without making any inquiries, checked the records, and ascertained that Texas 1936 License 688,342, was issued to Mrs. E. Woods, Route #6, Paris, Texas, for 1936 Ford V-8 Coupe, motor #18-2231645, on March 31, 1936, for which \$10.08 was paid. These records also show that this car was purchased from John Scarborough, Inc., Ford Agency; it was first registered on 11-25-35, the license purchased until April 1, 1936, \$4.25 being paid therefor, and Texas License for 1935 #670,698, was issued for this car.

It appeared to be almost imperative and highly advisable to form some contact in the vicinity of the home of Leonard Grayson inasmuch as Mr. Sharp does not live there regularly, and in an effort to obtain more first hand information concerning the visits of Grace Goldstein into that community. Mr. Sharp stated that Clyde Cox, a farmer living about

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three quarters of a mile from Leonard Grayson, is married, has five children, and has been a tenant of his for fifteen years. Mr. Sharp stated that he is certain Clyde Cox is reliable and will not divulge any information; that he approached him concerning this matter and that Cox told him he could keep a secret. Sharp told him not even to divulge anything to his wife.

Clyde Cox was interviewed by me on April 18, 1936. He stated he has been with Mr. Sharp for fifteen years; that he has five children and resides three quarters of a mile from Leonard Grayson, who has been in that community approximately three years; that Leonard Grayson is married and has two children - one two years old, and the other a very small baby - and he married a woman from near Idabel, Oklahoma, whose name he does not know; that Mrs. Maggie Grayson is the mother of Leonard Grayson, and that she has, so far as he knows, three sons: Lofton Grayson, the eldest, who has not been seen or heard from in that community for two years or more and is now said to be working in one of the oil fields in Texas or Louisiana; Bryan Grayson is the next son, and there is Leonard Grayson. There are three daughters of Mrs. Grayson, according to Cox: 1) A Mrs. Jones, whose name and initials he does not know, who lives in the Walnut Hills Section near Bryan Grayson; 2) Jewel, who is identical with Grace Goldstein and who is reputed to operate a beauty parlor in Hot Springs, Arkansas; 3) there is another sister, a Mrs. Chapman, who is said to reside in Dallas, Texas. Cox says that so far as he knows, there is no daughter living in Arkansas, except Jewel.

Cox stated the gossip is that Mrs. Jones, a sister of Jewel, living in that community, has a daughter whose first name is Maggie Bell or Maybelle Jones, who became pregnant a year or so ago and as she was single she left the community and is said to have gone to see Jewel in order to get away and hide her shame. He stated that it is the rumor in the community at this time that this daughter is said to be working in the beauty parlor of Jewel in Hot Springs now. This girl is supposed to be

a blonde and of average size. She very likely is an inmate of the house of prostitution in Hot Springs, operated by Grace Goldstein.

Cox stated that Bryan Grayson lives about eight miles from the home of Leonard Grayson, and that the two boys farm the same land, which is located where Leonard lives and in the vicinity of where Cox resides. He stated that both the Grayson boys have been hard up financially. He stated that the story in the community is that Grace Goldstein, whose real name is Jewel Laverne Grayson, left that community many years ago because of pregnancy when single; that she showed up some four or five years ago with a husband, whose first name is Paul (this very likely is Paul Gazin, from whom she was divorced in Hot Springs, Arkansas). He stated that Grace Goldstein again came into the community some time during November, 1935, bought some furniture and had it put into Leonard Grayson's home and that about that time Mother Grayson left because the belief in the community now is that Grace Goldstein did not wish her mother to be there when she came in with a man because she felt that her mother would not believe she was married to him. Cox said that a few days after Grace purchased the furniture for the home of Leonard Grayson, she showed up with a "new husband" in a Chevrolet Coupe and spent a very few days; that she left and came back about Thanksgiving time with the husband; that she bought some turkeys and other articles of food for her relatives. Cox stated the husband was called "Slim". He said that Grace Goldstein and her husband bought a Ford Coupe in Paris, Texas, which was turned over to Leonard Grayson. He informed that the husband of Jewel ran around with Leonard a great deal, and a Ferguson boy, a nephew of Cox; that the Ferguson boy stated that "Slim", who is the husband, had more money in his purse than he had ever seen at any one time in possession of any person; that this husband spent money freely and lavishly; that he bought clothes and other wearing apparel for Leonard Grayson; that he had a great deal of liquor, but he never heard of the husband drinking to excess. He stated that Grace and her husband would come

into Leonard's home at nights on different occasions and leave early the next morning. Cox stated that the gossip is that Leonard made the remark in the community to the effect that Grace's husband owned a gambling house in Iowa or Ohio - the state sounded like one of these - and another at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and he would fly from Hot Springs to his gambling house in the North; that the husband had some high-powered rifles and would shoot targets in the community on occasions, and he also had some pistols; that Leonard and Grace's husband went to the dance hall in the community known as Juarez, which is just North of the Red River on the Paris, Texas-Hugo, Oklahoma Highway. He stated that the Ferguson boy said the husband of Grace sent and received some telegrams while at Paris, Texas. Cox stated that the married name of Jewel is now Mrs. E. Woods.

Cox informed me that he heard talking in the community that on one occasion Jewel and her husband made a trip into the Southern part of Texas to hunt; that he believes they drove the Ford Coupe and left the Chevrolet Car behind; that later Jewel showed up with a new green coupe, and Cox says he has never seen or heard of the Maroon Buick being around there. He stated that Jewel and her husband had a large black dog which they brought to Leonard's before Christmas and which was taken away and is now back at Leonard's home where it is being taken care of by Leonard.

Cox stated he saw the husband of Jewel on two occasions - once when Grace and the husband came to his home to purchase milk and eggs; that the man on this trip remained in the car and Grace went into the house to buy the produce; another time he says he saw the husband was on Christmas Day when he (Cox) and some of the neighbors were in a car in the community in which they had trouble and they met the husband and Leonard Grayson in their car and that they asked them for a drink, but Leonard and his companion said they had none.

Cox stated that Leonard Grayson at one time employed a hired man, a cross-eyed fellow, by the name of Roy, whose last name he does not know, and that this man would

sleep at Leonard's home; that on several occasions, according to the gossip in the community, Jewel and her husband would come to Leonard's home late at night and they would get Roy out of bed in order to make a place for the visitors to sleep and Roy had to go to his home, a mile away, and sleep; that on another occasion Jewel and her husband and friends came to the home in two cars and got Roy up; that the next morning when Roy came in all of these people were gone.

Cox stated that some of this gossip was obtained by Mrs. Cox from a Mrs. Fryer, a neighbor of Leonard Grayson, and with whom Leonard has been intimate on occasions, according to the neighborhood gossip.

Six different photographs were placed before Cox and he viewed them all and immediately selected the photograph of Karpis as the man he had seen in the community and known to him as the husband of Jewel.

Cox was admonished and instructed under no circumstances was he to discuss with any individual the fact that he was interviewed by me. He stated he would respect the confidence and he would not divulge the information. Thus far no mention has been made of the name of Karpis in connection with inquiries and interviews with any persons around Paris, Texas.

Up to the present time no representative of the Bureau has driven a Bureau Car into that community and every precaution has been taken to obviate arousing the suspicion and curiosity of the people residing there.

Late Saturday evening, April 18, 1936, I accompanied J.M. Sharp into that community again, making the trip in Sharp's Car via the Paris-Hugo Road. To reach this locality one travels approximately fifteen miles North on the Paris-Hugo Road, and South of Arthur City, Texas, turn to the right and travel a dirt and gravel road, approximately ten miles, going by Womack's Store. As has been previously stated, this is a remote and inaccessible community. The nearest telephone is at Arthur City, which is approximately twelve miles from Slate Shoals, the community in which

Leonard Grayson resides. On this trip to this community with Sharp we met Leonard Grayson. He talked for a moment or two with Mr. Sharp about breeding a mare. He was traveling in the Ford Coupe mentioned herein. This car has 1936 Texas License #668-342. It appears to be in excellent running condition. With Grayson was the Ferguson boy. I was not introduced to him. I saw Leonard Grayson in a sitting posture in the car, therefore, no accurate description was obtained. He is a man about 26 years old, nice looking, well groomed for a farmer, and appears to be full of vim, vigor and vitality and impresses one of being a dare devil type.

I mentioned to Cox the fact that someone may come in there fishing at an early date, and he was informed that he should not know this man when he comes but that he would get acquainted with him and furnish him information as he obtains it and would make things as easy for him as possible in that community and effect some kind of a partnership in the fishing business whereby they might sell the fish they caught. He stated the man who goes in to fish could arrange a camp site on the bank of the lake a few hundred yards from the residence of Leonard Grayson. Cox was introduced to Agent W.L. Buchanan, who will be assigned to go on the fishing trip in this community. These two men were not seen together and interview took place in the hotel room in Paris, Texas. Arrangements are now under way to obtain an old car and suitable camp and fishing equipment for Agent Buchanan, and he will immediately move into that community.

Mr. Sharp obtained from Bryan Grayson on Friday, November 17, 1936, the name of Jewel's sister in Dallas, Texas. On this occasion Mr. Sharp made a trip by truck from the farm into Paris with Bryan. Sharp told Bryan he was going into Dallas shortly and that he would make any call that Bryan wished made to the sister. Bryan told him his sister's name is Mrs. Chapman and her telephone number is 8-0937. Special Agent in Charge Blake is conducting an appropriate investigation in connection with this matter and the results thereof will be the subject of a communication by Mr. Blake.

On April 19, 1936, Agent Buchanan and I made a trip from Paris, Texas to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and return. The distance covered is 434 miles, according to the speedometer. The distance from Paris to the Grayson Farm and return to Paris, is approximately 50 miles, which would be a total of 484 miles. There has been some talk in the past that shortly before the raid made on the house on the Malvern Farm on March 30, 1936, Grace Goldstein made a trip in her automobile and that the distance covered was approximately 480 miles.

At Hot Springs, Arkansas, Agent Buchanan, in an undercover capacity, again went to the Hatterie Hotel in an effort to ascertain whether Grace Goldstein was at home. He saw several of the prostitutes and talked to the girl known as Mary, who is in charge of the place during Grace's absence. Mr. Buchanan asked Mary when she was going to take a ride with him and she told him she could not go yet for the reason she has to look after the place in Grace's absence and that she does not know when Grace will return.

I contacted Post Office Inspector W.W. Haynes at Hot Springs, Arkansas, who is interested in this matter. He stated he had no new leads or information. He stated he is maintaining close cover on the mail going to the Hatterie Hotel. He showed me the tracing of a letter received by Gretta Swanson, one of the inmates, which was mailed at Springfield, Illinois, on 4-15-36, with no return address thereon. Several days ago at Hot Springs, I obtained a tracing of the specimen of the handwriting of Grace Goldstein. The letter addressed to Gretta Swanson, a tracing of which was seen by me, is unquestionably in the handwriting of Grace Goldstein. Haynes stated that the cab driver Brock of Hot Springs, and an informant of Joe Anderson, is supposed to have some information as to the possible present whereabouts of Grace Goldstein, but that the cab driver will not tell anyone except Joe Anderson. Agent F.S. Smith, Inspector Cordrey and Joe Anderson have, for several days, been making some checks in the vicinity of Monroe, Shreveport, Vinton and Lake Charles, Louisiana. They were contacted by Haynes and requested to return to Hot Springs, which they did later in the night of April 19, 1936. I did not see them. I acquainted Haynes with

the fact that we had located some of the relatives of Grace Goldstein near Paris, Texas; that it was being appropriately covered by me and that I felt that the presence of more Government Agents in that community would be calculated to arouse the suspicion of people and perhaps would interfere with matters. Haynes agreed with me, and stated under no circumstances does he feel anyone should come in there, and the Post Office Inspectors will not. I suggested that it was advisable for him and his associates to remain in and around Hot Springs. He agreed.

On April 20, 1936, I had a long distance telephone conversation with Agent Smith at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and he stated that Joe Anderson had obtained no information lately, but was out at that time to see what he could get. I suggested that Agent Smith stay close to these men and if they head toward Paris, Texas, I be immediately advised. I expect no interference from them.

On the morning of April 20, 1936, I had a telephonic conversation with Special Agent J.B. Little, in charge of the Oklahoma City Office in my absence. He stated that in connection with the cover which is being maintained on the mail of the relatives at Davidson, Oklahoma, of Ruth Hamm, alias Connie Morris, a prostitute, who was running around with Fred Hunter of Hot Springs, a tracing was obtained of a letter received by Mrs. Bertha Hamm, mother of this girl on the 18th of April, postmarked Corpus Christi, Texas, with return address of Paul Hayes, c/o Chapman Ranch. In this connection, the report of Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones, dated at San Antonio, Texas, April 17, 1936, contains information to the effect that Karpis and Clayton Hall visited Corpus Christi, Texas in January. Attention is also directed to the fact that one of the sisters of Grace Goldstein is known as Mrs. Chapman. Agent Little informs me that this tracing was received by him on the 19th of April, 1936, and that he immediately the same date, wired the San Antonio Office. I instructed him to call Mr. Jones at San Antonio and furnish him particulars and as much information as we have concerning the background of Ruth Hamm and her association with members of this mob, which he did. I called Mr. Jones on April 20, 1936, from the Dallas Office and informed him of the name of Grace Goldstein's sister. He

stated he has two Agents in the vicinity of Corpus Christi and the Chapman Ranch. Attention is also directed to the statement of Clyde Cox to the effect that Jewel and her husband are said to have made a trip into South Texas last winter to hunt.

Post Office Inspector Haynes at Hot Springs, Arkansas, asked me whether we had any lead or information of a connection of Karpis or any of the mob at McAllen, Texas, and I told him I knew of none, and asked him what he had. He informed me he heard Burrhead Keady on one occasion mention something about a connection at McAllen, Texas, but he did not name any individual and Haynes stated it had slipped his mind for the time being. Haynes has no information concerning the mail tracing referred to herein and further informed me he was talking to Post Office Inspector George Hill of Tulsa, Oklahoma, recently, and that Hill told him if any of us go into the McAllen section that he should be contacted before hand as he had something on that. In my telephonic conversation with Agent Little I instructed him to have Agent Hansen contact Mr. Hill and obtain all information concerning the alleged contact at McAllen. In this connection, it should be noted that McAllen, Texas, is approximately 150 miles South of Corpus Christi, Texas.

I shall remain in the vicinity of Paris, Texas, pending developments, and will be available at the Gibraltar Hotel there or the Dallas Bureau Office.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
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Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 24, 1936, regarding information received from the Trenton Office in which they stated a detective of the Atlantic City Police Department communicated that Harry Campbell had been frequenting the Terminal Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J.

Four months ago the writer was not at Philadelphia and Special Agent J.L. Fallon, who had contacts with the Police Department, was away from this district, while those officials now in power at Philadelphia, including the present Superintendent of Police, were simply officers and held no particular rank, so I cannot speak for conditions that existed four months ago.

Apparently there was some strained relationship between the local Philadelphia Office and the then Superintendent of Police LeStrange.

Special Agent Fallon has ascertained that Captain Jimmy Ryan secured his information from Corporal Wilford Ruby of the New Jersey State Police, whose confidential informant at that time was in Atlantic City. There was nothing definite to it.

I can say that the Police Department have been co-operating with us since my arrival here and since the new officials have been in charge. As an indication, about three weeks ago the police received an anonymous telephone call that Alvin Karpis was located at a certain address in South Philadelphia, and Captain Jimmy Ryan, himself, called this office immediately, and furnished the information to Agent Fallon. We covered the matter and it proved to be a false alarm. There was nothing to this, and accordingly I did not advise the Bureau of the matter.

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April 25, 1936.

A short time ago Superintendent Malone of the Philadelphia Police called me with reference to Karpis and Campbell, which has been covered in letter to the Bureau, and no doubt upon which your letter is predicated. They have no definite information at all that Karpis and Campbell are in this vicinity but believe that he may possibly contact one Charles Dougherty.

Under date of April 22nd, Captain Ryan informed Special Agent Fallon that at the present time they have two detectives covering a location in Upper Darby, Pa., where Dougherty frequents, and if anything develops with reference to fugitive Karpis and Campbell, Ryan will immediately notify this office. There has been a working agreement since I arrived at this office and I am of the opinion that the Police Department of Philadelphia at the present time is "playing ball" with the Philadelphia Bureau Office, and we have been enjoying rather an amicable relationship. Of course, one hears rumors from time to time on the location of various fugitives. You may rest assured that if the Philadelphia Police secures anything concrete they will let us know and we, of course, will keep the Bureau promptly posted.

With reference to Charles Dougherty mentioned above, there is no concrete information as to his affiliations with Karpis and Campbell, but "hot shots" usually contact Dougherty.

Special Agent Fallon contacts the Philadelphia Police Department daily in connection with this matter and in the event they secure any information on Karpis or Campbell they will promptly let us know. We are exchanging information and data except, of course, that which is confidential to the Bureau.

Knowing this entire situation as I do, I frankly do not believe there is any cause to be alarmed at the present time regarding this relationship. We are working out the situation very nicely.

Very truly yours,

R.E. Wetterli
R.E. WETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like to have for my files an
identification order of Harry Campbell of
Karpis gang.

One of our radio detectives (described
on enclosed sheet) wants pictures of Karpis,
Campbell, Mahan and Robinson.

If you would furnish me a set for him
I would appreciate it. If you care to send
150 of each I will mail one to each detective.

Sincerely yours,

RADIO STATION WJAG

By Art Thomas, Mgr.

(Signed) Art Thomas.

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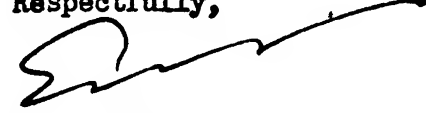
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case

SAC Blake of the Dallas Office telephoned me with reference to the teletype from the Bureau last evening inquiring if Chief of Police R. L. Jones of Dallas could be in Miami, Florida on the 24th of this month. Mr. Blake said that Mr. Jones' duties at the Exposition down there prevented him from taking the last train out of Dallas which would put him in Miami on the 24th. However, he can leave by airplane tomorrow night and be in Miami at 10:30 on the 24th.

I told Mr. Blake that we would take this up with the Department to see if such travel is necessary and if they will authorize the necessary expenditure, and advise him by telegram today.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

Mr. McIntire discussed this matter with Mr. Barlow of the Department, and arrangements were made whereby Mr. Jones will proceed to Miami by train tonight. Mr. Blake has been informed, and Jones will proceed as desired.

Mr. Nathan	✓
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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting for your information two copies of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent John L. Madala with reference to his conversations with Clayton Hall and the suggestion made by Hall to the effect that he, Hall, should proceed to Hot Springs and there endeavor to contact occupants of the Hatterie Hotel for information as to the present whereabouts of Grace Goldstein.

I am, of course, not advised as to information you have at hand as to the advisability of Hall making an effort to contact Grace Goldstein and through her Karpis and other members of the gang, and necessarily am unable to make any intelligent suggestion regarding this contact.

The information here at present indicates that Grace Goldstein has not returned to Hot Springs and if she has made contact with any one there since her departure, it is unknown to this office. I cannot help but feel that since Grace has not returned at this time that it may be her purpose to remain away from Hot Springs indefinitely and thus avoid prosecution for harboring Karpis, although I have nothing upon which to base this.

For your information, I might say that Hall during his stay at Little Rock, and at the present time, seems to be in good spirits and gives every evidence of desiring to assist this Bureau as far as possible.

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Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE CHAPMAN FLETCHER:

RE: BREKID.

With reference to the pending situation in this district where Clayton Hall is standing by with Special Agent W. John McNulty and the writer awaiting the return of Grace Goldstein to Hot Springs, Arkansas, the following suggestion of the informant is submitted herewith for your consideration:

Informant Hall advised Agents that he is reasonably certain that if he could proceed to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and contact Mary or Greta, prostitute inmates at the Hatterie Hotel, that he could ascertain the present whereabouts from them of Grace Goldstein and possibly Alvin Karpis. He stated that when he left Hot Springs, Arkansas, on February 20, 1936, he was very friendly with both, Mary and Greta, and that they positively know that he had previously been in association with Alvin Karpis, whom they know as Ed Woods, Freddie Hunter, whom they know as Harold King, Harry Campbell, whom they know as "George", and also Connie Morris and Grace Goldstein. Informant Hall further advanced the suggestion that he would tell Mary or Greta, in the absence of Grace Goldstein, that he had come to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to see Ed (Alvin Karpis) or Grace Goldstein, and that it is imperative that he see them immediately or as soon as possible. He stated that he would further advise either of these two girls that he has no money and that he would necessarily have to remain at the Hatterie Hotel until he made the contact with either Grace or Ed (Alvin Karpis).

Informant Hall further stated that the above plan would not in any way create any suspicion to Grace Goldstein or Alvin Karpis, as when he left Hot Springs in February of this year Karpis specifically instructed him to proceed to Hot Springs, Arkansas, should he learn of any inquiry being made of himself at Youngstown, Ohio. Hall advised that he is reasonably certain that if the Bureau or the Postal Inspectors have not uncovered him to Karpis or Grace Goldstein up to this time, they will take him into their confidence and possibly suggest that he travel with them until such time as the "heat" on him blows over.

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In connection with the above suggestion advanced by informant Hall, he advised Agents that Karpis at one time informed him that should he learn of any investigation or inquiry that is being made as to himself, not to run off but remain at his home until such time as he could ascertain what it was about; that should he be picked up and questioned and possibly propositioned to serve as a confidential informant for either the Bureau or some other law enforcement agency, to ostensibly accept such proposition and get from them all information which they would impart to him and he in turn then inform him, Karpis, of the same and possibly any contemplated action taken by them looking toward his location and apprehension.

Informant Hall is confident that he could, if connected with Alvin Karpis, provide logical explanations to any queries by Karpis as to what information he had previously furnished the Bureau. However, in doing so he would necessarily have to inform him that his place was being watched at Youngstown, Ohio, and that his delay for proceeding to Hot Springs, Arkansas, in an effort to contact him was that he believed he was being watched and that he did not want to take the risk of leading any body down to the Hatterie Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

With reference to the plant which is presently being maintained in the home of informant Hall at Youngstown, Ohio, he advised that if Karpis has the slightest suspicion that Hall had been questioned or investigated, they will not directly proceed there to contact him. However, assuming Karpis does in some way suspicion Hall, the latter believes that if he is successful in connecting with Grace Goldstein or Karpis, he can allay that suspicion. He further stated that heretofore Karpis had implicit faith and trust in Hall and that if the Postal Inspectors, or any of their representatives, did not directly uncover him, he is reasonably sure that Karpis would permit him to connect with him.

In conclusion, informant Hall advised that he would desire very much to talk this matter over with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley if his suggestions as outlined above are favorably received.

Respectfully submitted

JOHN L. MADALA,
Special Agent.

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cc Bureau
cc Mr. Connelley, Chicago.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati**

S. A. FILE NO. **7-41**

REPORT MADE AT San Antonio, Tex.	DATE WHEN MADE April 25/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/16 to 23/36	REPORT MADE BY J. C. White
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; et al			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>A further check at Grande Courts, Corpus Christi, Texas, developed additional registrations bearing the names of Woods and King of possible interest in this case. Winifred Chapman, formerly employed Telephone Company, Corpus Christi, Texas, identical with Juanita Chapman now employed Telephone Company, Dallas, Texas, not related to J. O. Chapman of the Chapman Ranch, Paul Hayes residing with W. L. Liles, tenant farmer near Chapman Ranch, apparently not connected with this matter. Confidential check of fishing camps near Chapman Ranch unproductive. Suitable contacts made Grande Courts, Chapman Ranch and fishing camps for any future developments.</p> <p>Reference: Report of SAC Jones, San Antonio, Texas, dated April 17, 1936, letter from San Antonio office to Little Rock office dated April 18, 1936, and telegram from Oklahoma City office to San Antonio office dated April 19, 1936.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>This is a joint investigation conducted by the writer and Special Agent C. R. Davis.</p> <p>In addition to the registrations mentioned in reference report of SAC Jones a further check was personally made by the writer and Agent C. R. Davis of Grande Courts, Corpus Christi, Texas, from November, 1935, to date, and the following additional registrations were found that may have a bearing on this case:</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 576 + 10888 APR 28 1936 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> APR 27 A.M. APR 29 1936 </div>	
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December 19, 1935, to December 20, 1935.
E. R. Woods, Route #6, Paris, Texas.
Assigned apartment #67 - rate designates one person
occupied apartment.

December 31, 1935, to January 3, 1936.
E. Woods, Route #6, Paris, Texas.
Automobile license #670-698
Assigned apartment #72 - rate designates one person
occupied apartment.

January 3, 1936, to January 11, 1936.
E. Woods, Route #6, Paris, Texas.
Automobile license #670-698.
Assigned apartment #71 - rate designates one person
occupied apartment.

December 6, 1935, to December 7, 1935.
J. F. King and wife, San Antonio, Texas.
Assigned apartment #60 - rate designates two persons
occupied apartment.

December 20, 1935, to December 21, 1935.
Mr. & Mrs. J. F. King, San Antonio, Texas.
Assigned apartment #59 - rate designates two persons
occupied apartment.

January 3, 1936, to January 4, 1936.
Mr. & Mrs. J. F. King, San Antonio, Texas.
Assigned apartment #5 - rate designates two persons
occupied apartment.

January 6, 1936, to January 7, 1936.
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. King, San Antonio, Tex.
Assigned apartment #72 - rate designates two persons
occupied apartment.

December 31, 1935, to January 3, 1936.
Mr. and Mrs. H. King, Beaumont, Texas.
Assigned apartment #71 - rate designates two persons
occupied apartment.

January 6, 1936, to January 7, 1936.
H. King and wife, Beaumont, Texas.
Assigned apartment #73 - rate designates two persons
occupied apartment.

It will be noted that Informant in Little Rock, Arkansas, stated that he and subject Karpis registered at the Grande Courts, Corpus Christi, Texas, sometime in January, 1936, as C. Sullivan and E. Woods. Therefore, the records were checked for any Woods being registered and it was disclosed that E. R. Woods and E. Woods registered at this camp on the above dates showing that he was from Route #6, Paris, Texas, and was driving an automobile bearing 1935 Texas license #670-698.

Upon interview of Raymond Burleson and Ed Burleson who operate Grande Courts, Mr. Ed Burleson stated he recalled E. R. Woods and E. Woods who stopped at their courts on December 19 and 31, 1935, and January 3, 1936, was an elderly man, and thought that on one occasion he came there with a wife and child, but was unable to find any registration card covering that time. The handwriting of E. R. Woods and E. Woods stopping at Grande Courts on the three occasions is no doubt identical and is one and the same person, and Mr. Ed Burleson stated it was the same party.

A check was made under the name of King and also anyone occupying adjoining apartments to numbers 67, 71 and 72, these apartments being occupied on these three occasions by E. Woods, and found that Mr. and Mrs. H. King, Beaumont, Texas, had registered on December 31, 1935, and again on January 6, 1936, and were assigned to apartments #71 and #73, which are adjoining apartments to the one occupied by E. Woods. Raymond and Ed Burleson do not recall whether E. Woods and H. King and his wife were personally acquainted or associated with one another during the time they stopped at Grande Courts.

With reference to the registration of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. King, San Antonio, Texas, on four different occasions which are set out above, only on one occasion on January 6, 1936, to January 7, 1936, did they occupy an adjoining apartment to E. Woods, which was apartment #72, and H. King and wife, which was apartment #73, and that #59 and #60 occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. King on December 6, 1935, and again on December 20, 1935, are directly across the lawn from the #71 to #73 apartments occupied by E. Woods and H. King.

A check was made at Grande Courts and it was ascertained that neither C. Sullivan or E. Woods had received or made any telephone calls or telegrams during the time that they stopped at Grande Courts. The records were also checked as to telephone calls and telegrams received or sent by H. King, J. F. King and E. R. Woods or E. Woods, and no record was available that they sent or received any messages.

The City and Telephone Directories at San Antonio, Texas, reflect that there is a J. Frank King who is a contractor and who resides at 306 Furr Drive, San Antonio. It was ascertained by Agent D. R. Morley of this office through the Retail Merchants Association that James Frank King of 306 Furr Drive, San Antonio, is part owner of the Interstate Novelty and Amusement Company. He was formerly in 1933 connected with the Big Tree Inn, San Antonio, and came to San Antonio in 1928. The records indicate that he formerly

lived both in Amarillo and Dallas, Texas, occupation while in Dallas being given as a contractor. He has been sued for debts by the Menger Electrical Company and a Mrs. Alfred Basse. He is 45 years of age and is married to Mary L. King. His former addresses are given as 221 Camden Street and 623 West Cypress Street, San Antonio, Texas, telephone Pershing 8528.

It was ascertained from Mr. C. E. Crawford, Superintendent of the Parcel Post Department, Post Office, Corpus Christi, Texas, that Doc Mason, correct name L. K. Mason, who is now in partnership with Jimmie Alexander of the Dragon Grill at Corpus Christi, Texas, had resided in Corpus Christi, Tex. many years and had been associated with a prostitute known as Ora Mason who lived at a house of prostitution operated by one Bessie Miller, 1121 Sam Rankin Street, Corpus Christi, Texas, and that Ora Mason shot Doc Mason in the right ankle about two years ago and he had to have his leg amputated between the ankle and knee; that supposedly Doc Mason and Ora are living together as man and wife; that Bessie Miller is now receiving her mail in care of the Castle Inn, a night club about four miles south of Corpus Christi on the Flour Bluff Road; that Ora Mason is receiving her mail at the Oasis Club which is on the North Beach, Corpus Christi, Texas. The Oasis Club is still being operated in the Summer months only by Mason and Alexander. Doc Mason's father is residing in Corpus Christi, Texas, and operates a pool hall and gambling house and is a well known old time gambler at Corpus Christi, Texas. Doc Mason has the reputation of being a gambler and quite a rounder and it is not believed that he could be trusted with any information of value and would probably not harbor subjects of this case, but would not hesitate to tip them off if he could do so without being detected.

Agents through Postmaster Gilbert McGloin, Corpus Christi, Texas, secured the following information from George R. Tate, District Manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company:

That Winifred Chapman was employed by the Telephone Company in Corpus Christi, Texas, as an operator from January, 1934, to on or about January 1936; that she came to Corpus Christi from San Antonio, Texas, and that Mr. Tate's records did not give full and complete information on Winifred Chapman due to the fact that their entire file had been forwarded to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Dallas, Texas, where she is at present employed by the Telephone Company on the Sixth floor of the Telephone Building. Mr. Tate advised Mr. McGloin that there was a Doctor in Corpus Christi, Texas, who had been endeavoring to have the Telephone Company collect an old bill that had been owed him for several months by Winifred Chapman. Unable to secure any further information through this medium Agent Davis, without disclosing his purpose secured the following information:

That Winifred Chapman, with her mother Mrs. Stella Chapman, came to Corpus Christi from San Antonio, Texas, in January, 1934, and had originally come from Dallas to San Antonio; that her occupation in San Antonio was telephone operator and she resided at 230 San Pedro Ave., San Antonio, before coming

to Corpus Christi, Texas; that her age is about 23 years, marital status, single; that in January, 1936, she was transferred from Corpus Christi, Texas, by the Telephone Company to Dallas, Texas, and is now employed there as an operator and has resided at 5605 Perry or Parry Street and 4607 Perry or Parry Street, Dallas; that in November, 1934, Winifred Chapman purchased an Austin Coupe from the Kinsel Motor Company at Corpus Christi, showing that she at that time had been residing at Corpus Christi for a period of ten months and with her mother resided at 905 Kinney Street, Corpus Christi, Texas; that she failed to make her second payment on this car and same was repossessed by the Kinsel Motor Company. The records show that her father is dead, no name given, and that she owes Dr. Gill, ear, eye and nose specialist located on the seventh floor of the Medical Professional Building, Corpus Christi, Texas, a bill of \$8 since October, 1935. At the time she purchased this car she gave the following references: Wilson-Norris Company, Citizens Industrial Bank, Bickford Drug Store #2, and Miss E. McCarthy, Chief Operator, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, all of Corpus Christi, Texas. Mr. Lewis stated that Winifred Chapman's mother, Mrs. Stella Chapman, had re-married, but that she and her last husband had separated and divorced, but he was unable to secure the name of Mrs. Chapman's last husband. b7c b7d

It was definitely established [redacted] that J. O. Chapman, the owner of the Chapman Ranch Properties was no relation of Winifred Chapman, the telephone operator, and that she had no relatives at Corpus Christi, Texas, with the exception of her mother who is now supposedly with her in Dallas, Tex. Winifred Chapman was not known at Corpus Christi, Texas, as Juanita Chapman, but it develops that she was the only operator by the name of Chapman who was employed by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Corpus Christi, Texas, and was transferred in January, 1936, to Dallas, Texas, where she is now working as an operator.

Referring to reference telegram it was ascertained through Postmaster Gilbert McGloin that any mail addressed to the Chapman Ranch would be placed in a pouch and sent to that Post Office which was operated by Postmaster C. C. Simpson. The mail is carried by star route carrier Roy Campbell; that this carrier also distributes mail in thirteen boxes on his route. A list of the names of the owners of these thirteen boxes was checked and the name of Paul Hayes did not appear on this list.

Agents were unable to get in touch with Postmaster C. C. Simpson at Chapman Ranch, Texas, and interviewed Mrs. R. C. Franks, Assistant Postmaster, who is more familiar with the duties of the operation of that Post Office and Mrs. Franks stated that a Paul Hayes was living with a family by the name of W. L. Liles who lived just off of the Chapman Ranch Properties; that on March 3, 1936, Paul Hayes made inquiries of Mrs. Franks about a letter that he had sent airmail to Randlett, Oklahoma; that he had sent some money and a letter in this envelope and the party did not receive it; that Mrs. Franks wrote an inquiry letter to the Post Office at Randlett, Oklahoma, on that date and the Randlett Post Office came back and stated that the letter had never been received there;

that Paul Hayes stated that this letter was directed to Miss Mabel Hayes at Randlett, Oklahoma, on February 15, 1936; that since Paul Hayes made this inquiry he was in the Post Office every few days to see if the Post Office Department had ever heard anything about the letter; that on March 11, 1936, Mrs. Franks said that they got a notice back from the Randlett, Oklahoma, Post Office that the letter had not been received there, but since that time Paul Hayes has never come in to the Post Office to inquire about the letter; that this Paul Hayes did not have any other letters in the Post Office nor did he give them a forwarding order on his mail. A cover was placed on the mail of Paul Hayes, both incoming and outgoing letters, and Mrs. Franks was given the address of the San Antonio Bureau office and she will forward tracings with return addresses, etc. to this office. Mrs. Franks gave the following description of this Paul Hayes:

Age, 25 to 30 years
Height, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches
Weight, 120 to 140 pounds
Hair, light brown
Eyes ?
Build, slender
Smooth shaven
Fairly well dressed
Was driving an old A Model Ford Sedan

Mrs. Franks further stated that she did not know W. L. Liles nor how long he had been in that vicinity; that the Liles were not on the Chapman Ranch Properties.

Agents interviewed Roy Campbell, star route carrier who carries mail between Corpus Christi, Texas, and Chapman Ranch, Texas, which is located sixteen miles south of Corpus Christi, Texas, under the pretext of wanting another Paul Hayes on whom this office has an old file and made inquiries as to the Paul Hayes living in that vicinity or receiving mail on his route. Campbell stated that he did not know any Paul Hayes, however, he stated that W. L. Liles and his family receive mail in a star route box about two miles north of Chapman Ranch, Texas; that sometimes he would pick up the two little Liles children who go to school at Chapman Ranch, Texas; that the Liles had been in that vicinity since December, 1935; that he did not know where they were from. Mr. Campbell stated that should he receive any information relative to the Liles or Paul Hayes or where they were from he would give it to Postmaster Gilbert McGloin at Corpus Christi, Texas, who would forward same to this office. Mr. Campbell stated that he may be able to get some little information relative to this family through the children whom he frequently picks up and takes to school at Chapman Ranch, Texas; that Liles resides about a half mile from their star route mail box and he never sees any member of the Liles family with the exception of the children.

Agents interviewed John Plummer, General Manager of the Commissary Stores at the Chapman Ranch, and he did not know either W. L. Liles or Paul Hayes. He did state positively, however, that neither one of these parties resided on the Chapman Ranch Properties as he knows everyone living on the Chapman Ranch. He also stated that he did not know who the property belonged to where the Liles resided, whether Liles was a tenant farmer or owner.

Under the pretext of endeavoring to locate an old acquaintance of the writer who did reside somewhere in that vicinity, Agents proceeded to the vicinity of the W. L. Liles farm and there after making inquiries of Mrs. Liles ascertained that they lived in a white house with a large white barn in the rear, about a half a mile west of the main highway that leads to the Chapman Ranch from Corpus Christi, Texas. Agents did not observe any maroon colored Buick Sedan, or in fact any other automobile except an old A model Ford Sedan that was driven by a man who appeared to be a farmer, and he was driving in the direction of the Liles home. Agents did not observe any other persons outside of two women and a baby about two years old. Agents deemed it advisable not to make any further check as to Paul Hayes or the Liles in that vicinity as it might be a "hot spot". Agents thought of the pretext to check up on the inquiry made by Paul Hayes of the Post Office at Chapman Ranch, Tex. in reference to the airmail letter which he claimed contained money and to pose as Post Office Inspectors, but it occurred to Agents that Fred Hunter, who is an associate of this gang, is badly wanted by the Post Office Department for mail train robbery. However, it is not believed that Paul Hayes or W. L. Liles have any connection with this case and it is probably that Paul Hayes is an old acquaintance of the Hamm family in Davidson, Oklahoma.

It was ascertained that the mail delivered to the thirteen boxes on this star route to the Chapman Ranch is made up at the Post Office in Corpus Christi, Texas, therefore a mail cover was placed on any mail going out of there and all tracings and return addresses will be furnished this office by Postmaster Gilbert McGloin.

The Tax records of Nueces County, Texas, fail to reflect any property listed to W. L. Liles in Nueces County.

It was ascertained by Agents that there was located on the road from Corpus Christi to Flour Bluff a tourist camp and fishing lodge known as the Oso Camp which was owned by J. C. O'Connell and this camp being located about fourteen miles from the Chapman Ranch it was deemed advisable to have this camp and vicinity checked for members of the gang and arrangements were made by SAC Gus T. Jones with an Informant, well known to him and Agent Lackey to be absolutely reliable and a high class man, whose name will be furnished the Bureau in a confidential letter, and who has a boat at the Oso Camp and who visits this camp approximately every week and is very friendly with J. C. O'Connell, to accompany Agent H. C. Van Pelt, under cover, that a check might be made at this camp and in its vicinity for any member of the gang or any cars driven by them. On April 21, 1936, Agent Van Pelt accompanied by Informant contacted the writer and Agent Davis at the Plaza Hotel, Corpus Christi.

Texas, and results of this under cover investigation made by Informant and Agent Van Pelt is set out by Agent Van Pelt as follows:

On April 21, 1936, this Agent accompanied by [redacted] proceeded from San Antonio to Corpus Christi, Texas, to observe the occupants of various tourist camps and houses at the fishing resorts near Corpus Christi and in the vicinity of the Chapman Ranch. [redacted] is a sportsman and fisherman who has for several years made weekly visits to fish at Laguna Madre, the most popular fishing place along the Gulf and only fourteen miles away from the Chapman Ranch. He is very well acquainted with the native fishermen and tourist camp managers.

After contacting Special Agents J. C. White and C. R. Davis at the Plaza Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas, this Agent and Informant drove in Informant's car about twelve miles south of Corpus Christi along the Gulf Coast Beach to the best fishing camp in the vicinity, Camp Oso at Flour Bluff. The camp consists of a restaurant, a grocery store, 12 individual tourist cabins and a large two story stucco building containing about 18 rooms. The proprietor is Jimmy O'Connell, a former bootlegger.

Agent and Informant rented a cabin over night under the pretext of remaining for fishing the following day. There were no strangers at the camp, [redacted] advised Agent, and the men who gathered around the restaurant and grocery store were mainly commercial fishermen known to Informant. Discreet interrogation of O'Connell and the fishermen disclosed that there had been no strangers at Camp Oso lately who had either been fishing, drinking a lot, spending money freely or having affairs with women they brought with them, with the possible exception of one party of men who had gone out fishing over the previous weekend, April 18 and 19, 1936, and had become very drunk and free and easy with their money. It was determined that they had hired fishing boats owned by the Cline Brothers. They, too, were discreetly interviewed, but they advised that there were 15 men in the party and that all the men apparently worked for the same company, evidently one of the utility companies at Dallas, Texas.

A storm blew up over night on April 21, 1936, causing all fishermen and tourists along the Gulf Coast to remain ashore the following day and giving Agent and Informant a better chance to observe all parties at Camp Oso and other tourist and fishing camps. The Gulf Coast Oso Club, Cayes Barge Inn, Rex Allen's Fishing Camp, The Eldson Courts, and the Castle Inn were each visited but not many people unknown to Informant were there. No one was seen who fitted the description of any of subjects and no maroon or any other color Buick was noticed. Most of the cars on the premises were from four to five years old. No Chevrolet Coupes were there and only two Ford Coupes were seen. The latter bore 1936 Texas licenses issued in Nueces and Bexar Counties, the counties covering Corpus Christi and San Antonio respectively.

Agent returned to San Antonio with Informant on April 22, 1936, but arrangements were made for Informant to continue to cover Camp Oso through his weekly fishing trips and to report to this office any unusual activities there, any suspicious strangers, or any cars known to have been used by subjects.

It was ascertained by the writer, Agent Davis and Agent Van Pelt that anyone traveling from the Oso Camp, owned by O'Connell to the Chapman Ranch would have to return to Corpus Christi, Texas, to proceed to the Chapman Ranch as there is no direct road leading from this camp and vicinity to the Chapman Ranch.

The registration cards of Grande Courts at Corpus Christi, Texas, will be photostated later by this office and photostatic copies of same will be furnished the office of origin to be compared with the known handwriting of subject Karpis and other members of the gang. However, it should be established definitely before the comparison is made as to J. F. King and H. King who stopped at Grande Courts, Corpus Christi, in December and January, as to whether or not they have any connection with this case or are members of this gang.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Oklahoma City Office: At Randlett, Oklahoma, will ascertain who Miss Mabel Hayes is, supposedly the sister of Paul Hayes of the Chapman Ranch, as it was deemed inadvisable for the San Antonio office to make further inquiries in the vicinity of Chapman Ranch, Texas, due to the fact that if any members of this gang were in that vicinity it would no doubt become a very "hot spot". The Oklahoma City office may under pretext make an open inquiry of Miss Mabel Hayes in reference to the airmail letter supposedly sent to her by her brother Paul Hayes from Chapman Ranch, Texas, on February 15, 1936, which he claims contained money and that she never received. Through this angle it may be developed as to who W. L. Liles is.

Dallas Office: Will ascertain who Mr. and Mrs. H. King of Beaumont, Texas, are who registered at Grande Courts as set out in the body of this report and were there at the same time as E. Woods from Paris, Texas. At Paris, Texas, also ascertain if there is an elderly man member of the Grayson family by the name of E. Woods or E. R. Woods as Mr. Ed Burleson of Grande Courts at Corpus Christi is very positive in his statement that this party is an elderly person and it may be possible that this party who was in Corpus Christi is not one of Grace Goldstein's brothers. b2 b7d

San Antonio Office: Will keep in close contact with cover placed on the mail of Paul Hayes at Corpus Christi and Chapman Ranch, Tex. Close touch will be kept with [redacted] who makes weekly trips to the Oso Camp at Corpus Christi, Texas, on fishing expeditions as to whether or not any member of this gang or their associates are ever seen in that vicinity. Close personal contact will be maintained with Manager Burleson of Grande Courts, Corpus Christi, Texas, and San Antonio office will be promptly advised should any individuals appear thought to be connected with this gang. Will make further check on J. F. King, San Antonio, Texas, however, if it develops that this is J. Frank King mentioned in the body of this report he probably has no connection with Karpis, et al.

Pending.

JEH:HCB

April 22, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT M. GATES,
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

I am attaching hereto circulars upon Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, announcing the rewards which have been issued by the Attorney General for information which may lead to the apprehension of these two persons.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosures.

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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
April 23, 1936

Mr. Henry B. Briggs
Postmaster
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Briggs:

Re: BREKID

L. A. File 7-42

Some months ago, at the request of this Bureau, you caused to be placed mail covers on all incoming first-class mail for J. W. FOSTER, 512 South Hobart Blvd., and MARTHA JEAN ROBERTSON, 527 South Hobart Blvd., including special delivery letters. This request was renewed from time to time, and we now desire to discontinue these covers.

The covers were requested in connection with a very important case, and the information obtained thereby was of great value to this Bureau.

I, therefore, wish to express my appreciation for this, and all past courtesies enjoyed at your hands.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI DALLAS, TEXAS 4-25-36 10-05 AM ME
DIRECTOR AND SAC CHICAGO
PHONE. BREKID. MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS THIS DISTRICT AGENT BUCHANAN IS LOCATED
AT LAKE NEAR FARM OF LEONARD GRAYSON AND MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN
GAINING CONFIDENCE OF NATIVE SAC BRANTLEY AND AGENT ARTERBERREY COVERING
PARIS AND VICINITY. NO ACTIVITY AT HOME OF WINIFRED CHAPMAN HERE. AM
COVERING MAIL THAT ADDRESS AND HAVE INFORMANT SAME BLOCK WHO IS MAKING
OBSERVATIONS ACTIVITIES THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. AM ALSO MAKING OCCASIONAL
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- MEMORANDUM TO ALL EMPLOYEES -

RE: BREKID

A letter from the Chicago Office dated April 25, 1936, regarding the above case, reads as follows:

"It has been noted that various of the Field offices designate copies of reports and communications for the Chicago Office, and likewise address additional copies for Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.

A prior Bureau Bulletin has instructed that two copies of all reports and a copy of each communication in connection with the above mentioned case should be designated for the Chicago Office. If copies of reports and communications are forwarded to the Chicago Bureau Office, it is unnecessary that additional copies of reports and communications be addressed to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, and it is therefore suggested that copies be designated for the Chicago Bureau Office only, where they will receive the attention of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley."

All Agents, stenographers, and typists please take note, so that no duplicate and unnecessary copies will be made.

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R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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PHONE. BOSTON AFTERNOON PAPERS CARRYING FLARING HEADLINES CAPTIONED
"DOZEN G-MEN HUNT KARPIS IN BAY STATE SQUAD RUSHED FROM BOSTON ON
SECRET TIP". THESE NEWSPAPER REPORTS ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION
AND PREDICATED ON FACT THAT SIX AGENTS DEPARTED THIS MORNING FOR
MONTHLY FIREARMS TRAINING. AGENTS ENTERED TWO BUREAU CARS PARKED IN
BASEMENT OF POST OFFICE BUILDING. IT IS BELIEVED STORY BASED ON TIP
FURNISHED LOCAL NEWSPAPER BY A POST OFFICE EMPLOYEE ENGAGED IN HAND
MAIL ON PLATFORM IN BASEMENT OF BUILDING ON ASSUMPTION AGENTS HUNT
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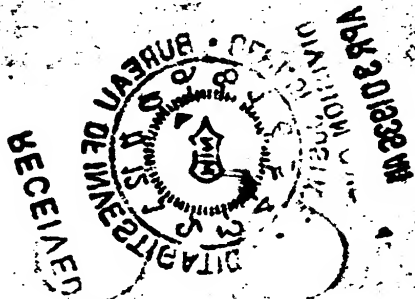
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ASCERTAIN IDENTITY PERSON WHO FURNISHED ERRONEOUS INFORMATION TO PRESS
CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF AGENTS. GIVE THIS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

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FBI NEW YORK CITY 4-24-36 10-55 AM RP

DIRECTOR

PHONE BREKID. RE YOUR RADIOGRAM APRIL TWENTYTHIRD. IF POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO PLACE REWARD CIRCULARS KARPIS AND CAMPBELL IN ENVELOPES, ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO MAKE SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS WITH ALL COMPANIES AS LISTED IN LETTER FROM THIS OFFICE TO YOU RE WEYNAP DATED MARCH TWENTYTHIRD. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO STUFF ENVELOPES, PLEASE FORWARD SAMPLES OF CIRCULARS FOR EXHIBITION USE IN MAKING ABOVE SUGGESTED ARRANGEMENTS

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 25, 1936.

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Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
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Time - 11:40 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. McIntire telephoned Mr. Hood from Florida with reference to the Joe Adams trial in this case and said that Judge Long down there refused to hear the motion to suppress the statements. Judge Long said the motion would properly lie and was properly brought, but inasmuch as the trial court had to hear and pass upon all the other evidence and motions in the case, he was of the opinion the trial court should hear this particular motion. Accordingly, Mr. McIntire is returning to Washington immediately, advising the Bureau by telegram the time and mode of his departure.

Mr. McIntire mentioned, incidentally, that the motions in the case are going to be heard on or about the 18th of May, at which time Judge Ackerman will sit.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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J H HANSON
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Note: The above was noted by Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson
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Special Agent in Charge,
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RE: BREKID

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 23, 1936 and to the personal and confidential letter of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley to the Bureau dated April 20, 1936.

Post Officer Inspector George Hill at Tulsa, Oklahoma advised Special Agent Paul Hansen that some time ago someone, whose identity he can not remember, told him that McAllen, Texas is a contacting place, or place where Karpis and Campbell go. This is the only information of a definite nature that Hill has. He advised further, however, that a few days ago he was talking with one of his informants, and asked him if he knew of anyone in McAllen, Texas that Karpis or Campbell would contact, and this informant told him that Ed Snyder resides there and that he would be a good contact, especially for Campbell. This informant visited Ed Snyder about nine months ago, and Snyder was very ill at that time. No mention was made of Karpis or Campbell at that time, or that Snyder was harboring or had any connection with any outlaws.

Ed Snyder, Inspector Hill advised, comes from a good family in Osage County, Oklahoma, and he is married to a woman who apparently has a good reputation and will not tolerate Snyder protecting or harboring any criminals. Snyder, however, is a gambler, and has been mixed up in numerous shady deals, has been reported to have handled some hot bonds, and has been associated with some outlaws in Osage County. Hill is satisfied that he is personally acquainted with Harry Campbell, and this is also the belief of his informant, but Hill believes that it is doubtful if he knows Karpis. Snyder has a sister by the name of Johnson, who is living in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and she owns a ranch very near to McAllen, Texas. Snyder is presently managing this ranch, although Hill understood from his informant that Snyder is not living on this ranch, but is living in McAllen.

Hill's informant was formerly an outlaw, and has served a stretch in a penitentiary, but is presently engaged in a legitimate capacity with some company in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. This informant is a good friend to Ed Snyder, and the informant believes, and Hill is firmly of the opinion, that Snyder would tell him anything he knew about Karpis or Campbell, if informant were to contact Snyder.

Inspector Hill asked Agent Hansen to ask that the San Antonio office be especially careful regarding any information which might point toward Ed Snyder, as he believes that if Snyder is in possession of any information regarding this case that his informant could probably work it out better than any other person. Mr. Hill said that he was contemplating sending his informant to McAllen, but would defer any action along this line until he hears something regarding the investigation that is made at McAllen, Texas by the San Antonio office.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau
Cincinnati
E. J. Connelley - Chicago
Cleveland
Dallas
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FBI CHARLOTTE N. C. 4-26-36 1:00 AM VED

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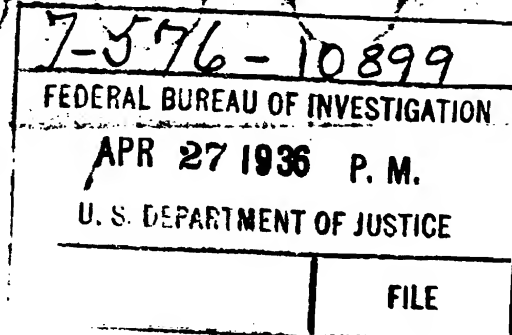
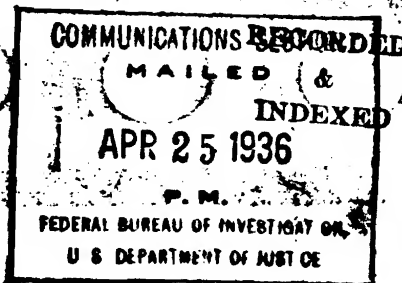
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Reward circulars on
Karpis and Campbell.

Mr. Francis Connor telephoned and inquired as to the number of reward circulars being distributed on Karpis and Campbell. I told Mr. Connor that one hundred thousand circulars, fifty thousand on each individual, were being sent out today and after today seventy five thousand circulars on each individual would be sent out each day until a total of three hundred and fifty thousand circulars have been distributed. I told Mr. Connor that in the Dillinger and Nelson circulars there was a reward for their capture and also a separate reward for information leading to their arrests; that in the Karpis and Campbell circulars, the reward is only for information leading to their arrests. I told Mr. Connor, confidentially, that in the case of Dillinger, information was withheld by local authorities which might have lead to his apprehension, but that they were trying to negotiate for his capture. Mr. Connor stated that he would like to bring this out without quoting anyone and I stated this would be all right.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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I was informed by Mr. William Birch, ^{captain} in charge of U.S. Coast Guard Station Isle of Wights located on the Atlantic Coast a few miles North of Ocean City Md. that at the end of a Stone Road leading north of Ocean City and there was a small white cottage or shack and two unknown men with a Radio had been there alone all winter keeping entirely to themselves. I am thinking perhaps you & men would like to investigate it is possible that ^{being} Karpis might be one of the men, since you have now him out of Atlantic City; he may yet show a library for the Atlantic Coast or end of the Ocean. If you go there to investigate with Capt. Birch of Isle of Wights C.G. Station or Capt. of the Ocean City Station may I write to

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render you for service
yours very truly

Henry Montant
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Mr. Henry W. Conant,
Chincoteague, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your undated letter which was received by this Bureau on April 28, 1936, in which you furnish information concerning Alvin Karpis, please be advised that inasmuch as Alvin Karpis was apprehended by Special Agents of this Bureau at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936, no action will be taken by this Bureau relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Washington Field

